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Borough Adopts \$22 Million 2005 Operating Budget

Princeton Borough Council adopted its \$22 million budget last Tuesday, successfully achieving a slight decrease in spending from 2004, and while the 4-2 vote ensured Borough taxpayers a decrease in municipal expenditures, the budget will still carry a five-cent tax hike for property owners.

The decrease in expenses, albeit slim, is still \$230 less than the 2004 operating budget, and maintains the budget plan first proposed by Council on March 1. After a 12-cent hike in 2004, Council set a goal to decrease spending to start rebuilding its surplus by changing the health benefits plan for municipal employees and leaving six Borough positions vacant, including two police officer positions.

The Borough's surplus now hovers around \$1.2 million.

The municipal budget will increase taxes to 91 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. As such, the average Borough homeowner with a home valued at \$347,138 will pay \$3,159 in municipal taxes.

With the passage of this year's budget, taxes, when factored with the school costs shouldered by residents, will increase 14 cents for Borough residents, to \$1.72 per \$100 of assessed property value. The Princeton Regional Schools \$67 million budget was supported by voters in last month's elections, in addition to a second ballot question that allows the school district to exceed its state mandated spending cap by \$1.9 million.

In past weeks, Councilman Roger Martindell questioned the wisdom behind \$100,000 worth of capital purchases of books and compact discs. Mr. Martindell has maintained that money from a library endowment, worth an estimated \$2 million, should have contributed to the purchases.

Mr. Martindell said that a "commitment" had been made to Council about five years ago

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CONVERSATION MATTERS: Class of 1943 Professor Cornel West, author of "Race Matters" and "Democracy Matters," listens intently to musician and actor Harry Belafonte during their evening of conversation last Thursday at McCarter Theatre. The theme was "Africa and Globalization: Bridging the Development Divide." (Photo by [unreadable])

Plug Pulled on Quark Park

After raising just enough to pay for the IRS filing for tax exemption, organizers of "Quark Park," the proposed second installment of the successful 2004 Writers Block, have decided to call it quits this year.

Adversity was again punctuated with dollar signs as organizers came to the conclusion that even with pledges and some funds already raised, the prospect of building an outdoor garden installation along Paul Robeson Place would be nearly impossible.

The project was to create garden structures, or "follies," based on architectural interpretation of the works of noted scientists for a result that would generate the same positive response as last year's \$150,000 project. Garden organizers had already tapped Rep. Rush Holt (D-12), a former assistant director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, and Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman, a professor of molecular biology, to offer their writings to inspire garden follies that would have been designed by area architects Alan Kehrt and Bill Gittings.

Last year, organizers lost about \$127,000 on the project, something they, literally, could not afford to have happen again.

As the targeted \$60,000 fundraising mark approached, organizers quickly saw that the garden would not become a reality — at least not this year.

"Please don't lose faith," said Kevin Wilkes, Princeton Design Guild architect and an garden organizer, in a letter to donors and collaborators. "We just need more time to raise funds for the garden."

In a separate interview, Mr.

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Senator Weighs in on Property Tax, But Is Pessimistic of Quick Reform

This year, the average homeowner in Princeton Township will pay \$2,864 in property taxes; in the Borough, that amount climbs to \$3,159. Factor in costs related to financing the Princeton Regional School's \$67 million operating cost and Princetonians are shouldering a hefty sum for 2005.

And so the story goes in New Jersey, where homeowners pay about twice the national average.

In recent years, several state legislators, first somewhat effectively, then somewhat less effectively, have called for a constitutional convention that would re-evaluate the municipalities'

property tax-heavy system of financing yearly expenditures. The common notion is that with 566 municipalities, the state's towns and cities are having increasing difficulty in sustaining themselves since towns often provide their residents with individualized services such as fire and police departments — and it all happens at a price.

State Senator John Adler (D-6th District) addressed this concern Sunday evening at the Suzanne Patterson Center during an event sponsored by the Princeton Community Democratic Organization. Mr. Adler is the co-sponsor of the 2003 Senate Bill 478 that

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proposes a constitutional convention be held to allow New Jersey voters to decide whether and how the property tax system should be reformed.

The event was poorly attended. Only about 20 tax payers turned out to discuss an issue that has been the focal point in elections past and that, according to Township Committee candidate Vicky Bergman, is the issue most often mentioned when people are asked about their concerns.

"It's a problem that folks in both Princetons feel, folks in Cherry Hill feel, and remarkably everywhere in New Jersey," Mr. Adler said, referring to the township in his own legislative district.

Mr. Adler said that when voters address the issue, they tend to place the blame on their mayors or governing bodies or school boards. And while that may partially be true, he said, the fault largely lies somewhere in the standard rate of inflation, and the pitfalls of what he feels is a flawed tax system.

For most New Jerseyans, he said, retirement income, social security, wages, and investments are not rising faster than the rate of inflation, while property taxes continue to exceed that rate.

"Everybody knows someone who's moved because of property taxes," Mr. Adler said, adding that the problem is "unique" to New Jersey, whose municipalities rely more on property taxes than any other "comparable" state in the country, in terms of population, demographic, and industry. "People in the Legislature get it, but don't want to do anything about it...and that's the worst part: that they don't want to talk in serious terms about trying to solve the problem and trying to have the accommodation of additional revenues from the state coming back to the towns, school districts, and counties," Mr. Adler said.

Several years ago, the Assembly passed a proposal that eventually died in the Senate supporting a convention exploring other ways to translate state money to the municipalities, including increases in sales tax, a gas tax hike (an inevitability, said Mr. Adler), and the exploring of the "significant" amount of land that is not on the tax rolls in New Jersey—a problem that lives in the heart of Princeton, literally.

Princeton University, the largest tax payer in the Borough and Township, paid \$6.1 million in property and sewer tax in 2002-3 and \$1.2 million in fees beyond those payments, and while some members of Borough Council are satisfied with the University's payment in lieu of taxes, and its contributions to the public school system, the problem doesn't just exist in Princeton. According to a December 2004 report by Donald A. Kruecker for the New Jersey Policy Perspective, about 13.5 percent paid no property tax of the \$648.5 billion of total property value in New Jersey in 2000, mostly, the report said, because of state exemptions.

Mr. Adler did not call for tax-exempt institutions to start paying property taxes, but for a "systemic programmatic shift away from reliance on property tax." But getting there, he said, would be difficult.

The Senator, a Democrat whose district covers affluent Cherry Hill, but also poorer sections of Camden County, said that a major obstacle in getting support is the issue of the Abbott II ruling that requires per-pupil funding be equalized between New Jersey's urban districts and the most affluent suburban districts. Mr. Adler said that many of his colleagues would be interested in finding other means of municipal funding, if Abbott, mandated by the New Jersey Supreme Court, were not a factor.

"It's bad news for property taxpayers," Mr. Adler said. "Because it means we'll leave alone property taxes...and it's far and away the number one issue."

—Matthew Hersh

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Topics In-Brief: A Community Bulletin

The **Regional Planning Board of Princeton** will hear a contested application Thursday night proposing to build on an eight-home sub-division on a 15-acre plot at Snowden Lane and Van Dyke Road. Residents say that the property, contracted by developer Landmark at Princeton L.L.C., was incorrectly analyzed based on a NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) obtained by the current property owner, Myerson Associates. Residents say the existence of an active, year-round stream that runs through the property was omitted in the LOI. The stream drains the Herrontown Woods Preserve and connects to Harry's Brook. R. William Potter, attorney for the residents, had unsuccessfully attempted to delay the application hearing, according to officials at the office of the Planning Board. The hearing will occur at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.

Princeton HealthCare System hosted a neighborhood meeting Tuesday night discussing possible future uses of the University Medical Center at Princeton campus. The sessions continue PHCS' ongoing information and feedback hearings related to its plan to build a new hospital within two to six miles of the Witherspoon Street campus. In related news, **Princeton Future** will host a presentation of street design and land use options as part of its ongoing Witherspoon Street Corridor Study this Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the Princeton Public Library.

This Thursday, May 19, **Hillier Architecture** will host a champagne reception at the Waxwood, the 34-apartment building on Quarry Street that served as a segregated elementary school until 1948. The building includes eight affordable housing units, with five of those units held for those who have themselves or have direct descendants who have lived in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood for 10 years or more.

The **Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment** will face another round of hearings for an application aiming to build a 10,750 square-foot, 159-seat jazz club at the former Mike's Tavern site at the corner of Birch Avenue and Bayard Lane. The hearing is slated to take place next Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.



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REMEMBERING A MILESTONE: Frank Setnicky (left) and Jay Padulchick (right) have served on the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad's Day Crew for 18 and 15 years, respectively. The Squad's Day Crew is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month. This week is also the Annual Emergency Medical Services Week.
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First Aid Squad's Day Crew Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

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TOPICS Of the Town

The program has given the Squad the much-needed paid support staff to help respond to calls during day-time hours, when many volunteers are unavailable or at work, said Squad Chief Greg Paulson. In 2004 the Squad answered upwards of 2,300 calls for service with an average response time of five minutes, a 28 percent increase over the past five years.

While the Squad now has two paid employees, it served its first four decades on a completely volunteer staff, answering hundreds of calls each year, said Chief Paulson. Organized in 1939, the Squad moved into its current headquarters next to the Princeton Shopping Center in 1963. The Squad has served not only Princeton but also surrounding communities such as West Windsor and Kingston.

Before the Day Crew, all the Squad's members had

to juggle work and family obligations to ensure that emergency ambulance and technical rescue services were available to Princeton residents, said Chief Paulson: "People who worked in town would literally walk away from their jobs to respond to a call."

With rising call volumes and increasing demands for members to work to support their families, the Squad began to struggle to meet the demands of the community. Following a failed recruitment campaign in 1977 and 1978, the Squad investigated possible solutions to the staffing problem by forming a committee, which included members of Borough Council and Township Committee.

In the end the committee recommended that the mu-

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municipalities fund a paid Day Crew that would be hired and administered by the Squad. The program went into service and took its first call on May 5, 1980. In its first year with the Day Crew, the Squad responded to approximately 900 calls.

The Crew's History

From the beginning, the Day Crew successfully met the needs of the Squad and community, said Chief Paulson. It was a milestone in the history of First Aid Squads, as Princeton was the first in the area to have a Day Crew working directly with the Squad, rather than working through the municipality. This helped create a community within the Squad.

"We actually get phone calls from all over the state to find out how we set up our program," said Chief Paulson.

Success did not come easily, however. Within the first two years the Squad had to repeatedly petition the municipalities for money to pay the employees. Not getting the desired feedback, the Squad gave its two paid crew members six weeks notice in August of 1981.

Public outcry helped convince the municipalities to continue funding the program through the end of 1981, but ongoing financial uncertainty forced the resignation of one of the original crew members, who cited the stress of the yearly debates about whether or not he was going to lose his job.

In the spring of 1982, a final agreement to continue funding the Day Crew program was approved by the Squad and both the municipalities. Under that agreement, the Borough and Township would fund one-third and two-thirds of the program's costs respectively. All monies given to the Squad are maintained in a separate account from the rest of the Squad's funds and cover the salaries, benefits, uniforms, and training of the Day Crew employees.

All other expenses, including the purchase of ambulances, supplies, insurance, and all other costs associated with operating the Squad, are paid out of the Squad's general operating fund, which is completely supported by donations.

Day Crew Members

Over the 25 years of its existence, the Day Crew

has only had seven different employees. Today those employees are Frank Setnicky and Jay Padulchick, the longest riding members of the Day Crew, having served for 18 and 15 years respectively. Keeping the same Day Crew over the years benefits the Squad tremendously, said Chief Paulson, as they offer their knowledge and experience to the newer volunteers in the Squad, particularly those who come help out from Princeton University. Students account for one-third of the Squad, said the chief, who also began as a volunteer student 11 years ago, and has served as chief for the past six years.

Mr. Setnicky's career in EMS began at age 14, when he joined the Amwell Valley Ambulance Corps. He served with Pattenburg Rescue Squad from 1982 until 1984, when he joined Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Mr. Setnicky has since served as chief at Clinton for nine years. His continued service to Princeton's Squad makes him the most tenured employee in the squad's history, said Chief Paulson.

Mr. Padulchick started his career in EMS in 1981 with the Yardville First Aid Squad, and then with Nottingham Ambulance Squad, where he worked for nine years and also served as captain. He came to Princeton in 1989, and in addition to

his EMS and rescue duties, he manages all purchasing and equipment maintenance for the Squad and has served as one of the water rescue instructors.

These two men are essential both to the Squad's current operations as well as to the training and mentorship of new volunteer EMTs, said Chief Paulson: "Setnicky and Padulchick work side-by-side with the Squad's nearly 50 volunteer members, providing dedicated, skilled, and compassionate emergency care to the Princeton community."

While members of the Day Crew are paid, formally trained employees, anyone can volunteer, said Chief Paulson: "We're always looking to recruit more people from town. All you need is the interest; we provide the equipment and training."

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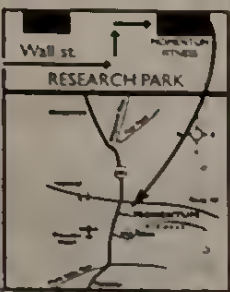
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Hillier Proposal Envisions Mixed Use As Hospital Nears Relocation Notice

With the the trustees of the Princeton HealthCare System about to make an announcement on the future site of the University Medical Center at Princeton, the community is gradually getting used to the idea that something other than a hospital will occupy the 12-acre tract on Witherspoon Street.

The latest proposal for that area is from Architect J. Robert Hillier, of the Princeton-based Hillier Architecture. At a May 3 hospital-hosted community meeting, Mr. Hillier, a paid consultant for PHCS through the hospital's planning process, announced his proposal for mixed-use development of that site for residents 55 and up. A revised proposal was delivered Tuesday night at the hospital to address the residents' concerns from the preliminary presentation.

The plans put forth included 280 units on 9.6 acres of space, Mr. Hillier said, adding that a public area, stores, and recreation centers were also part of the design. However, the architect was quick to make clear that the hospital would not relocate for at least five years and that these current plans simply constitute a "first pass" at what is bound to be a complex piece of developed property.

"When we met with the neighbors, we learned more and now we're working on their input and concerns," he said. "I describe the whole process of design as starting there with really soft clay and you work with it as you get more information, and you finally get to a point where you bake it."

That final stage, Mr. Hillier said, a long way off. Residents at the May 3 presentation worried that development on that site would be too dense and not in keeping with the surrounding neighborhoods. Princeton Future, an independent group that hosts community discussion on in-town development, recently put forth its own hospital scheme, as part of its ongoing Witherspoon Street Corridor Study. That study has recently honed in on the hospital site as the Regional Planning Board of Princeton has begun to explore changes in zoning that would allow new development to occur. As it stands, the 12 acres are zoned primarily for hospitals and would need to be changed if any sort of residential development were to replace UMCP.

Princeton University seemed to be a willing partner with the hospital when early discussions began last year, speculating that the hospital site could be used for graduate housing. The apparent fading of that prospect, however, has left the door open for other development possibilities.

At the Planning Board's most recent session focusing on the hospital, member Bill Enslin said that if Princeton wants to fully develop that soon-to-be-vacancy in Princeton, the density of development will have to be at a level higher than what is currently process of design as starting there.

The density in the Hillier/PHCS proposal is a bit under 30 units per acre. The density in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood is 22 units per acre. "It's increased density, but not by much," Mr. Hillier said. "So we're a little more than a garden apartment density by 25 percent."

That said, Mr. Hillier emphasized the decreased traffic that would come with such development. An average of 2,650 cars per day make their way to and from the University Medical Center at Princeton. Under this new senior housing proposal, Mr. Hillier estimated a decrease to 974 cars per day. He added that while there are at least 100 trucks and ambulances that arrive at the hospital daily, minimal truck activity would occur with new development. "It would be one garbage truck a day," he said.

Mr. Hillier said pricing could only be determined once the nature of the development becomes clearer. However, 12 percent of the units would be affordable per state regulations.

The Planning Board will continue their hearing on future zoning of the hospital site next Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall. Princeton Future will deliver the latest finding from its study this Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the Princeton Public Library.

— Matthew Hersh

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West Windsor Farm Market To Open Saturday May 21

The West Windsor Community Farmers' Market will begin its second season this Saturday, May 21. Ten farms will participate this year. The market represents a grassroots initiative conceived to bring fresh produce and a sense of community to Saturday mornings in the township. The market opened last summer under the co-directorship of West Windsor residents Beth Feehan and Mireille Delman. Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from May 21 until the end of October, the market is located at the Vaughn Drive parking lot of the Princeton Junction train station.

The official grand opening, June 18, will be in celebration of the Second Annual West Windsor Farm Heritage Day.

The market offers organic herbs; grass-fed beef, pork, and lamb; chicken, quail, and pheasant; and both organic and conventionally grown vegetables, including specialty Asian vegetables. Flowers, pies, and bread are among the products and produce brought by a growing list of vendors.

Two new food vendors, the Argentine Grill and the Village Bakery, offer breakfast sandwiches, grilled food, and coffee, as well as fresh baked breakfast pastries.

Farm market activities also

include cooking demonstrations and cooking or interactive nutrition lessons for children taught by West Windsor nutritionist Cathy Piuggi. Drumming circles and featured musicians and local artists are also scheduled.

The market's website, www.westwindsorfarmersmarket.org, keeps track of upcoming events and posts recipes of vegetables in season.

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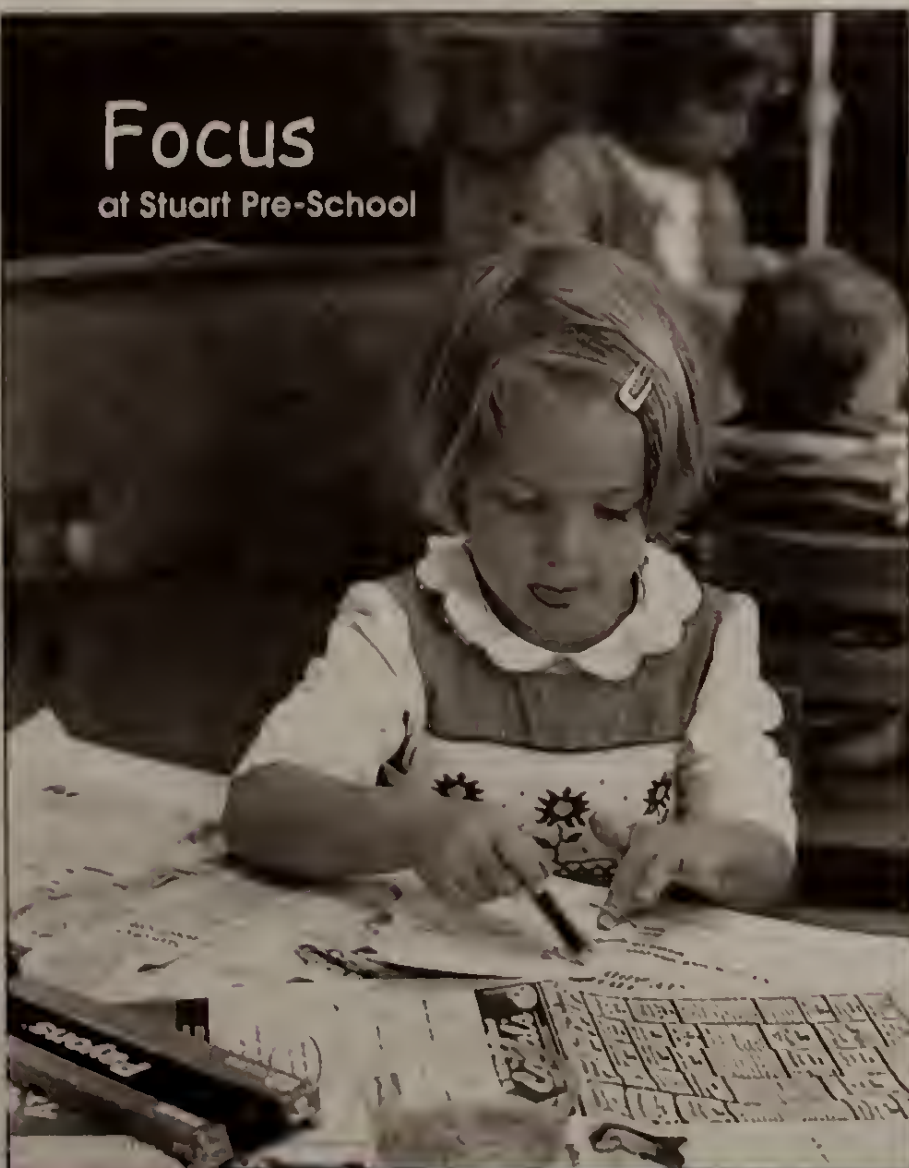


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The Princeton Fire Department responded to more than 20 calls between May 10 and May 16. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms were set off on Prospect Avenue, Bunn Drive, Cleveland Lane, Stockton Street, Nassau Street, Brooks Bend, Mercer Street, Hulfish Street, and Herrontown Road.

Crews were called to a Billie Ellis Lane residence for a reported water leak on May 9. Upon further investigation, the source of the leak was found to be an overflowing bath tub containing a mysterious fluid fed by a set of unmarked bottles. The Trenton hazardous materials team was called in to further investigate. They determined that the apparatus was a home beer brewery gone awry. Squirt 63, Engines 61 and 62 and Tower 62 also responded.

On May 11, a gas leak on Woodland Drive prompted response from Engine 61 and Tower 62, who evacuated nearby residences before PSE&G could contain the leak.

Later that day, a kitchen fire was called in by a neighbor of a Juniper Row residence who reported seeing heavy flames. Tower 62 was quickly on scene to find the fire extinguished. Crews checked for extension of the fire into cabinets.

Early morning on May 13, a dumpster fire adjacent to the Frist Campus Center at Princeton University drew response from Squirt 63 and Engine 61. The fire was mostly out upon their arrival.

All three companies responded to another kitchen fire on May 14. The fire appeared to have self-extinguished, but there was heavy smoke in the residence and crews checked for extension of the fire in the walls and cabinets.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. on May 14, crews were dispatched to Dod Hall on the Princeton University campus for a smoke condition. The cause was quickly determined to be careless cooking.

A sparking electrical outlet and resulting smell prompted a homeowner to call for the fire department on May 15. The department advised the resident to have the problem addressed by an electrician after isolating power to the outlet.

Later that day, a small brush fire on State Road was put out with a portable fire extinguisher employed by the first arriving fire officer.

Also on May 14, a fire alarm and heavy smoke condition was reported at a Petit Place residence. The cause of the smoke was careless cooking.

On the morning of May 16, crews were dispatched to the parking garage for the University Medical Center for a reported seven-car motor vehicle accident. An absorbent was applied to fluids leaking from some of the vehicles.

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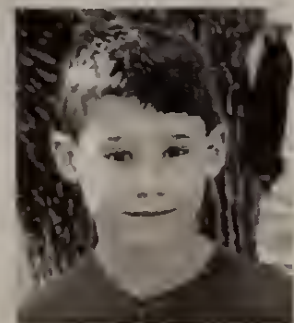
"The bean bag toss and knocking down cans with a tennis ball."

— Rick Ryan



"My favorite things here are the card-guy, because he is super good and kind of magical and the cake walks."

— Julia Matlby



"Definitely the ball and beanie bag tosses."

— Jack Nalen



"Just having fun playing and dancing."

— Aina Sullivan



"The bean bag and bottle tosses."

— Alex Morgan

Planning Board Eyes Efficient Buildings As Master Plan Goals Are Put Forth

Solar panelling on Township Hall? It may not sound all that far-fetched if Princeton's future development follows a recently-adopted set of goals by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton.

In an aim to improve the efficiency of future development in the community, the Planning Board discussed a list of goals that could effect building policy. The goals include developing structures that are more energy-efficient, minimizing waste, using alternative energy sources, and improving water conservation.

Opting to include a "sustainable building" element to the conservation plan in the Princeton Community Master Plan, the Planning Board has voted to abide by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system that was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. A voluntary set of standards, LEED-rated projects are registered, evaluated, and certified.

The system, said Planning Director Lee Solow, will result in "more green buildings." The goals are not legally-binding, but advisory, calling for new and remodeled buildings to be more efficient. They would contribute to the various environmental goals of conservation, protection, and enhancement, according to a report put out by the Planning Board.

So, while the Township Hall may not have solar panels on its exterior yet, the Borough of Highland Park's city hall does. And the same goal that is not out of reach, according to members of the Princeton Environmental Commission.

"What we are trying to do is show that Princeton is committed to environmental, economic, and social stewardship," said Wendy Kaczerski, a Borough member of the joint-municipal Environmental Commission. This commitment, she said, will yield "cost savings" to Borough and Township taxpayers in the long term through LEED certification.

"We are looking to provide healthy work environments," she said.

Ms. Kaczerski added that buildings marked "sustainable" would be using more natural daylight to curb electrical use, increasing indoor air quality, and reducing the impact on the environment from development construction.

The goals also refer to using locally-produced materials that would support the local economy and maintain "enhanced social interaction" during development and construction. Planning Board member Philip Feig questioned the necessity of those two elements. "Does that mean the community is going to sit at the table with architects and buildings — I'm not sure that belongs in a master plan," he said.

Board member Marvin Reed supported the measure, saying that the increased "social" element on the developer's end would ensure a level of active participation.

"It's suggesting that the architect doesn't just sit in his office and that we get into a planning mode where architects feel more comfortable in interacting with the neighbors," he said.

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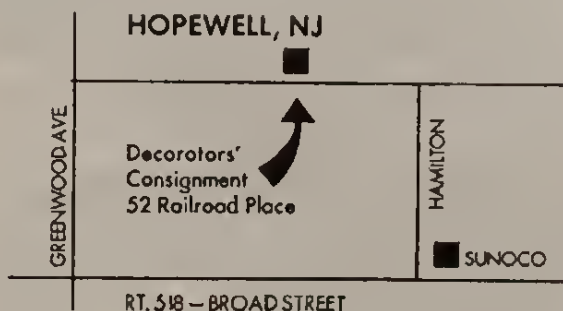
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The Mercer County Arthritis Support Group will meet tonight, May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, 1 Hamilton Health Place.

Family and friends are welcome. For more information, call RWJUH at Hamilton Hospital at (609) 584-5900.

The Astrological Society of Princeton will meet at Educational Testing Service's Conant Hall on Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 p.m. Janet Booth, author of *The Vertex: Cosmic Appointments*, will present a brief tour of the significance of the Vx by natal sign, house, and aspect, its use in synastry, and its impact in progressions, transits, and returns.

A social hour will follow the lecture. The public is welcome.

A donation will be accepted at the door. For more information, call (609) 924-4311.

A joint dinner meeting of the Princeton and Trenton Chapters of the **Institute of Management Accountants** will be held at 6 p.m. this evening, May 18 at Good Time Charlie's Restaurant in Kingston. The speaker will be Fran Massey, a Charles Schwab financial consultant, who will discuss "The Importance of Diversification."

The cost for the dinner will be \$25.

Reservations are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To make a reservation, call Rebecca Machinga at (609) 520-1188.



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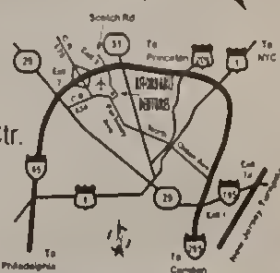
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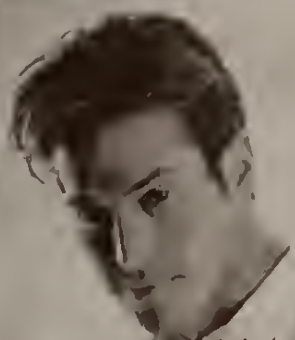
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New Arts Council Director Embraces His Role in Princeton's Cultural Mix

Jeff Nathanson is the latest political player in town: you just don't know it yet.

With his appointment as the newest executive director of the Arts Council of Princeton comes a certain level of political capital as the head of an institution that, if all goes according to plan, will become a significant in-town destination.

In June 2004, the Regional Planning Board of Princeton approved plans designed by Princeton architect Michael Graves for a new wing and expansion of the Arts Council's current structure, resulting in a total 16,740-square-foot building to be called the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts.

So Mr. Nathanson, 49, accepts his new role with a mixture of excitement and humility.

"I think of this as the cultural center of Princeton, but you can't forget that Witherspoon Street is an amazing corridor," he said referring to the mix of commercial, residential, education, and municipal activity that occurs in about a one-mile stretch.

He is also well aware of the milestones that were reached prior to his arrival, and that he is succeeding Anne Reeves, who was the Arts Council's executive director for nearly 25 years.

That said, the ground breaking at the Arts Council building on June 12 will feature not only the physical significance of a new building, but the significance of a new administration.

"There's a long history that's had its ups and downs," Mr. Nathanson said, referring to the community battle relating to the extent of the Arts Council's expansion. "But there's been so much that's already been worked out and so many issues that have been identified, I feel that I have a lot to work with," he said, adding that he is "already meeting tons of people" who anticipate what a new Arts Council will offer.

But his focus, at first, will be that of an observer.

"I will listen and try to get to decisions that really are respectful of and representa-

tive of all of the opinions voiced—there are so many."

Mr. Nathanson, said he prefers to take the "long view" when it comes to his position and will work with the decisions made when it comes to the building design, which was a compromise. Initial plans had envisioned a building upwards of 20,000 square feet.

"There are things the Arts Council won't be able to do in this building, it is of limited size, but that doesn't mean the Arts Council won't be able to address certain artistic ideas that we think are important," he said adding that the institution can collaborate with other regional organizations to carry out its full scope of programming.

That said, Mr. Nathanson, himself a performer (he's a jazz guitarist), said he would not want to see the Arts Council anywhere but downtown.

"There was talk about the Arts Council moving its building and, from what I can tell, there is universal agreement that it's great that we're here. I think the potential for collaboration and really maximizing the potential in this downtown-focused cultural development is just tremendous."

Mr. Nathanson came a long way to get to downtown Princeton. A former executive director of the San Francisco Bay Area's Richmond Arts Center, he, his wife and his nine-year-old daughter moved to Princeton Junction five years ago when he took a job as the director of the international Sculpture Center at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. He has also directed several projects at the Princeton University Art Museum, including the Magdalena Abakanowicz "headless" sculpture outside the museum. He is also a founding member of the West Windsor Arts Council and a former executive director.

But he quickly became familiar with the inner-workings of Princeton when he was art project director for the new Princeton Public Library during its planning stages. Most notably, he

worked in an advisory capacity on the 30-foot tile wall Ik-Joong Kang mural on the ground floor.

In working on the library during the planning process, Mr. Nathanson said he "got to know the people you need to know" in Princeton, meaning that he is not coming into this position cold.

And as Mr. Nathanson continues to warm up to his new position, he said he will view his tenure at the Arts Council the same way he sees the objectives for the institution itself: in the "long view."

"I don't know how long I'll be the director here, but I have no plans to leave anytime soon," he said with a grin.

— Matthew Hersh

Library Seeks High School Volunteers For Summer

Princeton Public Library is seeking summer volunteers entering grades 7 through 12 to help out with the annual summer reading clubs, as well as with various other activities.

Potential volunteers are required to attend one of four orientation sessions scheduled for June 7, at 4 p.m.; June 8, at 6 p.m.; June 11, at 10 a.m.; and June 14, at 4 p.m. Advance registration is required, and all sessions will be in the library's second floor conference room.

Volunteers will work with the Youth Services librarians and help the younger readers sign up for the annual summer reading program, which starts on June 15, and distribute prizes to those readers that meet the club's goals.

Volunteers will also help the librarians with other tasks such as craft and game programs and shelving of library materials. High school volunteers may be asked to accompany librarians to programs at Recreation Department camps in the area.

The teens are asked to work at least 10 hours during the summer. Volunteers need to commit to a regular schedule, but the library will be flexible about working around vacations and other activities.

Applications for interested teens can be found online, at <http://www.princetonlibrary.org/teens/volunteers>, or at the Youth Services desk on the third floor at the library. To register for one of the mandatory orientation sessions or for general information, call Susan Conlon at (609) 924-9529, ext. 247.

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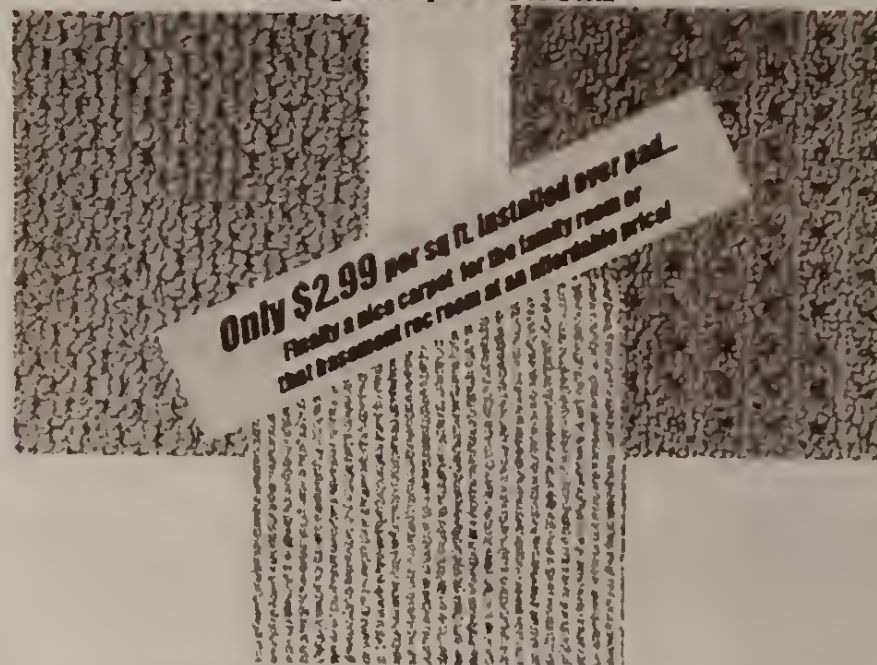
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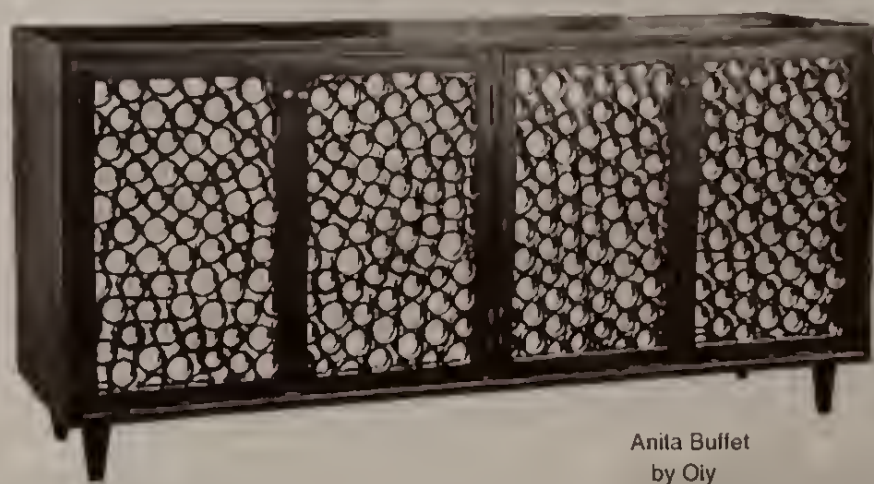
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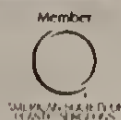
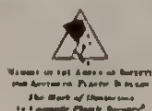
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SCHOLARSHIP MONTH: Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand (center) holds up a proclamation declaring May Scholarship Month in Princeton. Pictured with the mayor are, from left, PRSF Co-President Sandra Tait, Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill, PRSF Board member Richard Levine, and PRSF Co-President Carol Golden.

Mayor Marchand Declares May Scholarship Month

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand has issued a proclamation declaring May Scholarship Month in Princeton.

For 30 years the Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation (PRSF) has dedicated itself to aiding Princeton High School graduates seeking higher education. An all-volunteer group, it makes awards of between \$500 and \$4,000, based solely on need and only after all other avenues of funding have been exhausted.

"Paying for a child's college education these days is very difficult for many families," said Mayor Marchand. "That's why I am so happy to make this proclamation and try to encourage more people in our community to support our local scholarship foundation."

Since 1975, PRSF has awarded scholarships to hundreds of students. Some 30 full scholarships have been given to students attending Mercer County Community College.

According to PRSF Co-President Carol Golden, "The cost of higher education keeps growing and growing. Even a sizeable financial aid package can leave a significant gap that needs to be filled."

Students apply to the foundation after they have been accepted into college and notified of their financial awards. Princeton University's Undergraduate Financial Aid Office reviews all applications and calculates the fair family contribution for free.

It is appropriate that May is Scholarship Month as now is when PRSF volunteers determine how much they can award to their applicants. Award notifications will be made in late May. This year, on June 1, the annual awards ceremony will take place at the PHS library.

The foundation funds its scholarship program with monies raised from individuals and institutions in the Princeton area.

"We have a loyal group of PHS faculty, alumni, and parents who help us out year after year," said Co-President Sandra Tait.

12 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 12 births to area residents during the week ending May 16.

Twin boys were born to Maryann and Patrick Cashman of Skillman on May 15.

Sons were also born to Yamini Pathak and Harish Kumar Nankani, West Wind-

sor, May 8; Hong Gao and Haiyong Huang, Princeton, May 10; and Barbara and Jonathan Stowe, Lawrenceville, May 13;

Daughters were born to Liat Zabicky-Gerchman and Yoram Gerchman, Princeton, May 9; Kristen and John Epstein, Princeton Junction, May 10; Katherine and Gary Abbamont, Princeton, May 11; Elizabeth Woody, Lawrenceville, May 11; Esmina and Francisco DeLeon, Princeton, May 11; Lisa Tindall and Stephen Melchior, Princeton, May 14; and Julie and Luke Bradley, Princeton, May 14.

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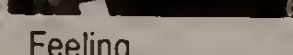
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Princeton Review Co-Founder Preps Students on Taking SAT

Last Wednesday students gathered at Princeton High School to learn what every junior has on his or her mind this time of year: how to ace the SAT.

Adam Robinson, author of *The RocketReview Revolution: The Ultimate Guide to the New SAT*, as well as co-founder of the Princeton Review, spoke with students about how to change their attitude on test taking, and went over mistakes that can often lower their scores.

"Taking a test well is like learning to do anything well; it's a performance skill," he said, calling the standardized achievement test, or SAT, the "terminator."

The author of nine books on the SAT, including the New York Times bestseller, *Cracking the SAT*, Mr. Robinson said that the biggest problem students face is trying to use the same test-taking skills that they use for tests in school.

"This isn't like any other test you would take," he said, adding in high school the more difficult questions are worth more points, so it's important to get those right. However, the opposite holds for the SAT, since all the questions are worth the same amount.

Students tend to race through the easy questions and spend more time on the hard ones. This is the wrong thing to do, said Mr. Robinson, as they risk making careless mistakes on the easier questions and losing credit for them.

Unlike a school test, the SAT doesn't give "partial credit" for someone who has

done the work right, but has gotten the answer wrong: "The SAT doesn't care how smart you are; you're just wrong."

Test-takers need to spend time making sure the answers to the easy questions are right, and skip the hard questions, he said: "That's the hardest thing to do...but you have to train yourself to do it."

As an example, Mr. Robinson mentioned a friend who was very knowledgeable on many subjects, but didn't win when he went on *Jeopardy*. He had the knowledge, but he didn't know how to adapt it to the right format to win the money.

Approximately 70 percent of the questions on the math section are at the seventh and eighth grade level, said Mr. Robinson: "If you take pains to answer the easy and middle-range questions...you can get a 600 [out of 800]."

Recognizing Differences

Males and females approach test-taking differently, according to Mr. Robinson: girls perform better on high school and college exams than on standardized tests.

He said that girls are more conscientious and tend to study more, and have a harder time skipping over a question on the test than boys do.

"The key to these tests is knowing what questions not to bother with. They don't teach you that in school," he said.

Male students are also more willing to take short cuts to find the right answer,

while females are more focused on "the right way" to solve the problem.

One of the biggest blunders that students make is rushing through the test, then going back over the answers once they've finished: "You need to develop the ability to catch your errors in the process," he said, telling students to use their "spidey sense," or sixth sense, to know early on that they've made a mistake.

He added that the mistake most frequently made on the math portion of the test is reading the question wrong.

Mr. Robinson gave students some simple advice on how to get a high score on the essay part on the verbal section of the SAT: write as much as possible.

"The longer your essay, the higher the score... you have to write fast," he said.

The essay, which students are given 25 minutes to complete, is graded by two teachers, who use a "holistic" or fast-grading system, where much of the consideration goes to the length, he said.

Mr. Robinson also told students that the question often pertains to taking a side on a very general issue. Avoid using the word "I," or discussing personal examples, even if the essay says to do so, he said, recommending that students try to pull examples from a well known piece of literature that they have read in school.

Finally, don't think too long or hard about the issue; go with the first argument that comes to your head, said Mr. Robinson: "The longer you think about something the more you change your opinion... you don't have time to do that on the SAT."

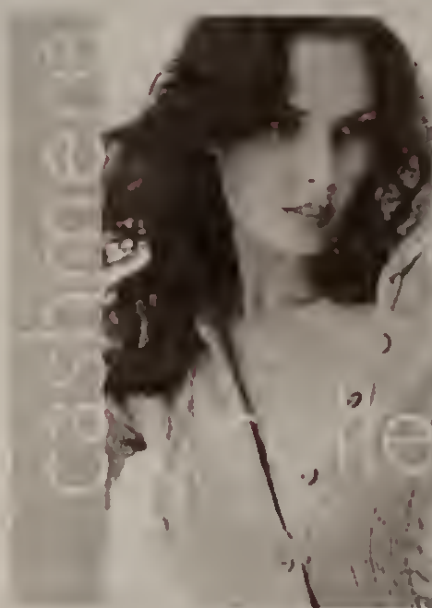
A rated chess master, Mr. Robinson devised and perfected the Joe Bloggs approach to beating standardized tests in 1980, as well as numerous other core Princeton Review techniques. A freelance author of many books on the SAT and other similar standardized tests, he has collaborated with the Princeton Review to develop a number of its courses.

More information on Mr. Robinson and his SAT books is available at <http://www.rocketreview.com>.

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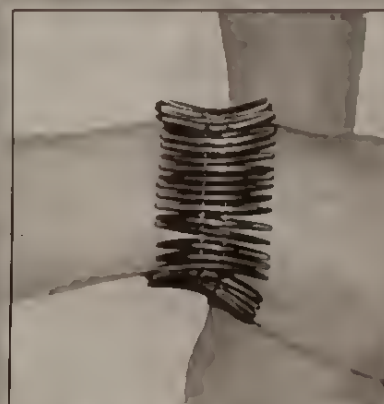
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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 18

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: *Hamlet*; Berlind Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: B.B. King; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *The Loromie Project*; Mount-Burke Theatre, Peddie School, Hightstown. Also Thursday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory at Nassau recital with pianist Marvin Rosen; Niles Chapel, Nassau

Presbyterian Church. Free. 7 p.m.: Roots Festival; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Violinist-composer Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio and David Bromberg String Band; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Peter Pan: A New Musical*; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, May 20

7:30 p.m.: Jon Faddis Jazz Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Agnes of God*; Somerset Valley Playhouse, Hillsborough. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Shody Business*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Folksinger Tracy Grammer; Christ Congregation Church.

8:30 p.m.: Singer-songwriter Ryan Doyle; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Voices Chorale concert, *Lyrics by Whitman*; Princeton United Methodist Church.

8:30 p.m.: Bluesman Keb' Mo'; McCarter Theatre.

8:30 p.m.: Advaita; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, May 22

1 and 3 p.m.: Suburban Dance Force of Central New Jersey, *The Sleeping Beauty* and *The Three Little Pigs*; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

2 to 4 p.m.: *Shakespeare in the Square*; Palmer Square Green, Free.

3 p.m.: Princeton Girlchoir Annual Spring Concert; Richardson Auditorium.

7:30 p.m.: Francis Dunnery and David Sancious, guitar-piano duo; Hopewell Valley Central High Performing Arts Center, Pennington.

Monday, May 23

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

Tuesday, May 24

7 p.m.: Discussion, "Legislators and Politics"; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education; John Witherspoon Middle School Cafeteria.

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community Band concert; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Free.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 18 - Wednesday, May 25

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Wednesday, May 18:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents support group; SPB.

Thursday, May 19:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, May 20:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag: "Sports Physical Therapy"; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.

Monday, May 23:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ballroom Dancing; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, May 24:

11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bndge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature; SC.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, May 25:

7:15 a.m. Baltimore Aquanum Trnp; Community Park North
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.



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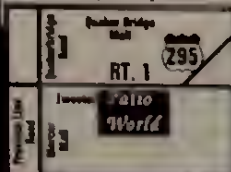
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ON THE SCENE: Princeton Rescue Squad responders helping the victim of an auto accident at the corner of Prospect and Harrison Tuesday morning.

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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 79 calls between April 30 and May 13. Forty calls were located in Princeton Township, 31 in Princeton Borough, and eight calls were to other municipalities. Included in these numbers were 16 calls to Princeton University.

On Monday, May 2, the Squad was dispatched to McCosh Infirmary at Princeton University for a female in respiratory distress. The 21 year-old had eaten food that she was allergic to, and subsequently her throat swelled up and she experienced severe difficulty breathing. Despite the administration of antihistamines and two injections of epinephrine by the infirmary staff, she was still having difficulty breathing and was suffering from other symptoms of an allergic reaction. This same patient had broken two fingers earlier that morning during a separate incident.

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 4, the Squad was dispatched to a dorm room at the University for a 20-year-old female who had suffered a loss of consciousness. The EMS crew found a confused patient who had wandered into a friend's room and complained of head and neck pain. The crew evaluated the student, who could not recall what caused the pain, or much of the past evening's events. Statements from the woman and her friends suggested alcohol or medications were not involved, further raising suspicions she may have suffered a head injury. As a precaution, the crew immobilized the

patient on a spine board and transported her to the hospital.

At 5:38 a.m. on Wednesday, the Squad was dispatched to a Township residence for a 57-year-old woman with a broken leg. The woman was taking out the trash when she fell between a car and a soda machine and twisted her leg at an awkward angle. Due to the intense pain, the EMS crew delicately splinted the woman's leg and transported her to the hospital.

On Friday morning, May 6, the Squad was dispatched for a motor vehicle collision on State Road, near Cherry Hill Road. The first arriving ambulance found a two-car, rear-end collision. The impact caused the rear of one vehicle to crumple, pinning the doors shut, and trapping the driver, who was suffering from head and neck pain. The Squad's technical rescue members responded and cut the patient out of the car. The drivers of both cars were transported to the hospital.

On Saturday May 7, the Squad participated in a mass-casualty incident (MCI) drill in Franklin Township. In the scenario, a motor vehicle accident involving a bus at a major intersection created multiple patients and necessitated the assistance of EMS agencies from surrounding municipalities. The Squad responded, and was assigned to treat the mock patients. In total, the Squad transported two critical and two stable patients from the scene.

On Wednesday May 11, the Squad responded for a patient found in cardiac arrest. Although crews responded quickly and attempted to revive the man using CPR, oxygen adminis-

tration, and defibrillation, doctors pronounced the patient dead shortly after he was transported to the hospital.

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PRINCETON PERSONALITY

Former Mayor Michele Tuck-Ponder Is Now CEO of Area Girl Scouts Council

Even as a young Girl Scout who proudly wore her uniform, Michele Tuck-Ponder, the current CEO of Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, Inc., was destined for leadership.

"Everything I did as an adult, I did first as a Girl Scout," she explains. "In Princeton, when I was running for office, I knocked on doors, just as I had as a Girl Scout selling cookies. Later, the public speaking necessary to my professional life built on the speaking experiences I had as a Girl Scout."

"I was always achievement-oriented," she adds. "This was instilled by my family. When I was six, my mother sat down and said, 'You are a little Negro girl. You have to work twice as hard to get half as far.'"

Her parents, William and Anna Tuck, encouraged Michele and her two older sisters, Patricia and Jackie, to do well in school, participate in activities, and volunteer their time to others.

In 1963, when Michele was five, the family moved from the Bronx, N.Y. to Teaneck, N.J. "I grew up in a unique place," she recalls. "It was very integrated, and opportunities to achieve were there."

She excelled in school, both academically and socially, later becoming Student Council and class presidents in junior high and high school.

From her earliest years, Michele was certain a career in journalism was in her future. She wrote stories and essays in school and at home, read all the time, and studied hard. It was a sure thing!

School Newspaper

"I loved to read," she says. "I liked all the Nancy Drew mysteries, and I liked stories about places I'd never been or seen — like maple sugar time in New England or about a girl growing up on an Indian reservation."

"My English teachers always encouraged my writing. Especially Eva Barron, who was a Holocaust survivor, and David Sosland. I was on the year book and school newspaper staffs, and I also won writing contests, including a Scholastic Magazine contest, when I was in the ninth grade. The magazine made a big deal about it, and the editor said I should go to Northwestern University, which had a good writing program. I tucked this away for later consideration."

Volunteering was emphasized in the Tuck household. "My mother believed the more you gave and did, the more you received. I read to people at a nursing home, and I helped clean the Methodist Church, where I was a member."

She also learned to cook, an activity she continues to enjoy today. "My mother and grandmother taught me, and I loved to make cakes. Actually, I loved making them more than eating them. I'm a pasta girl!" she says, laughing.

"My grandmother lived with us," continues Ms. Tuck-Ponder, "and she and my mother were my heroes. They had difficult lives. My grandmother and grandfather had a farm in

Virginia, growing peanuts and raising hogs. It was hard work. They had nine children, and my grandmother also raised seven children of one of her daughters who had died.

"My mother, who did not have good health, and my grandmother both coped with adversity and never lost their optimism. They were very strong women."

Role Models

Both of these women were important role models for Michele, as was her father. These were hard-working people, who strove to provide their children with a secure and stable life.

"My dad drove a cab in New York, and worked in the Post Office," recalls Ms. Tuck-Ponder. "My mom worked at Nabisco and sold sewing machines at Sears. Both worked two jobs."

Michele remembers good times during her childhood. Her family went on outings and vacations, which the children always looked forward to.

"We did two things every summer. One, we went to Coney Island, had frogs' legs at Nathan's, and went on all the rides. Two, we went to southern Virginia to visit our relatives. This was the beginning of the Civil Rights movement, and we always drove straight through without stopping at any of the restaurants along the way. Once we were south of Delaware, we would not have been welcome in the restaurants."

"So, my mom packed amazing lunches for us, and she'd bring out all these wonderful treats when we got to certain places — cakes and Slim Jims, things we weren't always allowed to have."

In addition, recalls Ms. Tuck-Ponder, the family did not stop at rest rooms during the drive for the same reason. "We went into the woods. Children are resilient, and we didn't mind. It was sort of an adventure. It made my father angry, though, since we had to stop a lot."

Girl Scouts

A big part of Michele's life was her membership in the Girl Scouts. Her mother was a leader, and Michele joined as a Brownie and continued all through high school. She was selected to be part of the Wider Opportunities program, and traveled to California and Mexico, among other places, where she met a number of celebrities.

"During my travels with the Scouts, I met Frank Sinatra, Walter Cronkite, Gregory Peck, Gloria Steinem, and Barbara Walters. This was very exciting for a young girl. I very much enjoyed the Girl Scouts. I admire the integrity and commitment of the Girl Scout organization. It opens up a world of possibilities, allowing women opportunities to lead, create, and mentor. It gives girls the benefit of experiences that make them productive,



LEADING THE WAY: "My goal is to make Girl Scouting available to any girl and every girl who wants it and needs it; and to educate people regarding the challenges confronting girls today." Michele Tuck-Ponder, former Mayor of Princeton Township, and now CEO of Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, Inc., is enthusiastic about her new position.

committed citizens."

Michele was well on her way to becoming an involved citizen in her teens. She was living through turbulent times, and during the Watergate investigation in the 1970s, she remembers her mother calling her in to watch the televised hearings.

"Congresswoman Barbara Jordan was on, and my mom said, 'There's someone you could be like. That's something you could do.' I tremendously admired Barbara Jordan."

Michele graduated from high school as a member of the Honor Society, and remembering the advice of the Scholastic Magazine editor, enrolled at Northwestern University and McGill School of Journalism, where she had a full scholarship. She joined Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, became involved in student government, and wrote feature stories for the university magazine.

She also became interested in African history through her association with Dennis Brutus, an exile from South Africa, who taught African studies.

Graduate Level

"Another professor who influenced me was Henry Binford," she reports. "He taught American history, and he was the one who said to me that he would only teach me if I took graduate level courses. So I did! I enjoyed learning, and I especially enjoyed

writing papers."

A career in journalism was still on the agenda, she adds. "Every summer, I worked in publishing in New York, including at McGraw Hill. Also, at college, we spent one semester working on a newspaper. I was sent to Binghamton, N.Y., and I wanted to do an expose about general contracting and minority set-asides. It didn't go well. I ran into trouble getting interviews, and I didn't like it."

"After this experience, I said to my parents, 'I don't think journalism is for me. I'll come home and think about it.' They said 'No way! You're out of here!' They did offer me one golden loophole, saying I could come home if I went to graduate school. So, I took the grad school exams."

She did especially well on the law school exams, and after graduating from Northwestern, without ever having entertained a notion of becoming a lawyer, she entered the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

"From the first day at law school, I didn't like it! I didn't like the environment, the process. But once there, the Tucks don't quit. I got involved in student government and was president of the Student Bar Association. I loved that. I loved setting up things."

She also liked Philadelphia, and began to work on political campaigns in the city.

Practicing Law

Graduating in 1983, she passed the bar in New York (and later in New Jersey), and immediately went to work in Washington, D.C. "One of my former professors was at the Federal Judicial Center, an organization which trained federal judges. Then, after a year there, I became a clerk for a conservative Republican judge. Here I was, this liberal Democrat, and it was a marriage made in heaven. I made him see things, and he made me see things. I was there a year, and we got along great. We became very good friends, and he later came to my wedding."

Her next job, practicing law, was less positive. "I worked at a law firm with a woman partner I admired. But during the preparation of a case I was working on, it turned out that the client did not want a black woman handling the case. The partner wanted me to stay and work on another case, but this was unacceptable to me, and I quit."

Like her mother and grandmother, Michele Tuck-Ponder is not one to let adversity stand in her way. She went on to become a staff representative and press secretary for Congressman Louis Stokes of Cleveland, also serving as liaison to a variety of federal departments.

"I loved that," she says. "There was a lot going on. It was during the Oliver North

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Michele Tuck-Ponder

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hearings in the '80s, and I met a lot of people, including Elizabeth Taylor, who was then married to Senator John Warner."

Then, it was on to the Senate, where she joined the staff of Senator Frank Lautenberg, working on special environmental assignments, and Health and Human Services projects, including AIDS-related issues.

"The senator was a great political mentor" says Ms. Tuck-Ponder, "and I eventually transferred to his Newark office. I wanted to be in New Jersey then. My dad lived there, and he was getting older. My mom had died earlier when I was in law school."

Also during this time, Ms. Tuck-Ponder's sister, Patricia, had kidney disease, and Michele donated a kidney to her.

In 1990, she joined the staff of Governor James Florio, serving as assistant counsel, and deputy director, Division on Women, and assistant director, New Jersey Division on Civil Rights, Department of Law and Public Safety.

Important Factor

"I was assigned to oversee community disturbances," she explains. "I was traveling a lot all over the state. In the Division on Women, I worked on policies concerning violence against women, sexual harassment, and job training."

Even though she was not practicing law, Ms. Tuck-Ponder points out that her knowledge of law was an important factor in all the positions she has held since graduation from law school.

In 1991, while working for Gov. Florio, she moved to Princeton. "I really loved it," she says. "It has definitely become my home. I feel very comfortable here. There are a lot of people I know and am fond of. It's a privilege to live in such a special place. It's not just because of the University or any one part; it's the general population, the diversity, the whole community."

It was then that she began to dip her toe into Princeton's political waters. "I had met Kate Litvack, former Mayor of Princeton Township, and she invited me to a Democratic Party meeting. They thought I would make a good campaign manager for Phyllis Marchand and Sharon Bilanin. I was single then, and they were all so nice, inviting me to dinner and parties."

Ms. Tuck-Ponder's candidates were elected, and Ms. Bilanin continues to be grateful for the expert help. "I have worked with Michele both as a colleague and a friend. As my campaign manager for Township Committee, she provided support, encouragement, and expertise. When Michele later became mayor, I served as deputy mayor, and she was always willing to share information with all Committee members, and encourage new faces to become involved."

"One of the things I love about Michele is her encouragement and support of other women. Some women have a hard time doing this. But Michele has so much confidence and ability that she

never feels threatened by others, and supports and encourages them willingly. She is an excellent role model for young women."

Good Contribution

In 1993, the Democrats decided it was Ms. Tuck-Ponder's turn to run, and she, along with running mate Steve Frakt, was a successful candidate.

"I always wanted to run for office," she observes. "I thought I could make a good contribution. I liked people a lot and could work with them. I had been in government and saw a lot of people screw up. I realized that for what touches your life and what matters the most, local government is most important. It's decision-making at the local level that can make the difference."

"Also, Steve Frakt and I were a good team. He's a very detail-oriented person, and I'm a gut person. It worked well."

In 1995, she successfully ran again, and this time became mayor. Ms. Tuck-Ponder was an accessible mayor, a willing listener. People were quick to share their views with her.

"As mayor, I couldn't walk into a supermarket without someone coming up to me. They would even come to my door!"

She is proud of her accomplishments as mayor, especially in two areas. "Bringing up the consolidation issue was important. I thought consolidation was good government, and was in everyone's interest. Although it was not approved in the Borough, I still believe it's good for both municipalities. After all, the Borough and Township are attached at the hip."

"I am also proud of the new Township municipal headquarters. The Township staff,

which was an outstanding group of people, was working in an unacceptable building. I tried to keep the new building moving forward, and I really kept forcing the issue. To Phyllis' (Mayor Phyllis Marchand) great credit, she saw the project through in the face of significant setbacks."

Another Reason

Ms. Tuck-Ponder says she loved being mayor for another reason. "I got married while I was mayor. I met my husband, Rhinold Ponder earlier, when I first moved to Princeton. A lawyer, he handled the closing of my house."

One thing led to another, and they were married in Prospect Gardens on the Princeton University campus in 1996. She has collaborated with her husband on a number of projects, including publishing two volumes of African-American Sermons: "Wisdom of the Word: Faith," and "Wisdom of the Word: Love."

Reading, as it has always been, remains one of her greatest pleasures. Biographies are special favorites. "I love reading about everybody — Walter Cronkite, Katharine Graham, Strom Thurmond's daughter, Colin Powell. My favorite author, however, is novelist Isabel Allende."

Ms. Tuck-Ponder also practiced law with her husband for a time, "until he fired me!" she says, with a smile. "He said I was too busy being mayor."

In fact, she stepped down as mayor in 1999. By then, the Ponders had a daughter, Jamaica. Ms. Tuck-Ponder was active in Rush Holt's campaign for Congress, and she had a two-year fellowship with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as a Community Builder Fellow, in Camden.

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In addition, she was serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, Inc. During this time, too, her sister, Patricia, ill with kidney failure, came to live with the Ponders.

More volunteers

Still interested in Princeton politics and issues that affect the community's residents, Ms. Tuck-Ponder turns up at Township meetings from time to time. While pleased with her favorite town, she says there is always room for improvement.

"I think the town needs more volunteers, including firefighters. Everyone really needs to get out there and volunteer. Stop complaining and volunteer. You have the power!"

Having said that, she adds, "There are so many people in town who are so special, who give so much to the larger community. I had a great friend I admired so much, Dr. Chester Peterson. He was a dentist in New Brunswick and lived in Princeton. He was always there to lend a hand, and was so kind to people."

"John Powell, a member of my church and a Rotarian, is

such a wonderful example of how much people can give to the community. And Anne Reeves, founding director of the Arts Council, is another extraordinary person."

As advisor to the Arts Council, Ms. Tuck-Ponder worked closely with Ms. Reeves, who is impressed with Michele's abilities in many areas. "Michele is exceptionally thoughtful and clear-headed, with a rare gift of line leadership. At innumerable meetings, I observed her remarkable ability to keep everyone focused and on track, without offending anyone."

"I know her as a wonderful, proud parent and a supporter to her artist husband. And she's fun to work with. She has the gift of merriment."

Decision-Making

Ms. Tuck-Ponder's former colleague, Steve Frakt, now retired from Township Committee, is also well-aware of her capabilities and positive decision-making.

"Michele is very talented. She's got a good sense of how to make decisions. She listens to all points of view, but she is very resolved. When she makes up her mind, she is a very good advocate for her position. She has strong leadership ability. I admire and like

Michele very much."

These leadership qualities will now be in evidence at her new position as CEO of the Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, Inc. It is a challenge which she finds exhilarating. The demographics of the Council's area are tremendously diverse.

"The Council covers Mercer, Middlesex, and parts of Monmouth, Union, and Somerset Counties, and the area includes the largest Asian Indian population in the U.S.," she explains. "There is wealth and desperate poverty, white and black, and everything in between."

Ms. Tuck-Ponder is working hard to convince people of the value of Scouting to today's young girls and to recruit leaders and promote parental involvement. "We need parental commitment," she notes. "But in Trenton, for example, one of the challenges is that parents are often working two and three jobs. There is little time left, so we need institutional support, as well."

"We have over 5,000 adult volunteers, but we need more. The traditional leader used to be Mom, but now she is often working. We are trying to get younger women, 18 to 29, including college students. The girls relate to them, and college students, including at Princeton, are receptive to being leaders. In a community like Princeton, it's important for people to recognize the value of the organization in building a girl's character and self-esteem."

Basic Training

With the many challenges facing girls in today's society, Ms. Tuck-Ponder points out that Girl Scout leaders need to be vigilant, as well as creative and caring. "Knowledge is

power. Our leaders are required to have basic training regarding safety and security. They know what to look for, whether it's signs of drugs, self-mutilation (cutting), or depression."

"Recently, after a speaking engagement, a middle-aged man from Trenton came up to me and said, 'Girl Scouting saved my life. I'm a single dad, and sometimes, my daughter shut me out, and I didn't know what was going on. I called the Girl Scout leader and asked her what was happening. She'd say girls at this age are doing such and such. This helped me, and now I have a great relationship with my daughter.'"

Ms. Tuck-Ponder's work takes her on numerous trips throughout the Council area, as well as across the country, but she is especially happy when she can be home with her husband, who is a serious artist as well as lawyer, and her daughter. She also looks forward to spending more time with her favorite hobby, reupholstering furniture.

"I like old things," she says. "I like to take things apart and put them back together. I'll be doing my sofa this summer. It's hands-on and creative, and also, it's the sewing. I learned to sew in school, and I liked it. I made all my own clothes, even as an adult."

Spending time at the gym is another favorite activity, and she is also a dedicated member of the United Methodist Church in Princeton, and chair of its education committee. "It's a great church, and I spend a lot of time there," she reports.

Ms. Tuck-Ponder is also vice chair of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network, vice chair of Princeton Township Democratic Municipal Committee, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Association for Children of New Jersey, to name just some of her organizational affiliations.

Public Service

She has received awards from the National Organization for Women, the University of Pennsylvania Black Law Students Association, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and the William P. Heard Foundation.

As it turned out, Ms. Tuck-Ponder opted for public service, instead of the expected career in journalism. She is often the one making the news, rather than reporting on the events of the day or the activities of presidents, politicians, and perpetrators. No doubt, this is how it was meant to be.

As she says, "I enjoy impacting people's lives in a positive way. In my current work, I am looking forward to bringing issues of women and girls to the forefront of the public dialogue. (1), I want to elect more women to public office; (2), I want to eliminate poverty. Because if women are poor and hungry, children are poor and hungry; and (3), I want to promote equality. It's better than it was, but we're not there yet."

"One other thing I would say is that I think of creating a family wherever I go — at my place of work, at the gym, wherever. I try to create a sense of family, emphasizing obligation and commitment to others. I think my parents and grandparents instilled this in me as I was growing up, and I am proud to continue it."

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Will Mooney, chef/owner of **Brothers Moon in Hopewell**, gives these instructions for topping your burger: Grill some organic red onion slices. On your stove, coat a saute pan with a little grapeseed oil and heat over medium high heat. Add ripe sliced tomatoes and grilled onions, and saute until soft. Serve your burger on a brioche bun — or try the sesame rounds from the **Witherspoon Bread Company** — and top with the tomatoes and onions. If cheese is preferred, try some grass-fed, organic Pennsylvania Noble cheese from the **Whole Earth Center** or Point Reyes Original Blue from **Boo Appetit**. Place thinly sliced cheese on the burger prior to topping with tomatoes and onions.

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Quark Park

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Wilkes suggested that while the garden could feasibly live on in future years, the likelihood of it being able to return to Palmer Square are virtually nil, as construction is slated to begin sometime in 2006 for a luxury apartment complex on that as-yet-unused plot of land.

"We're going to continue to look for funding, but we're going to have to look for a

different location," Mr. Wilkes said, adding that "we're going to keep the idea going and we're going to reconceive the strategy."

Mr. Wilkes was not, however, able to speculate about where a new garden might be located but he did express an interest in galvanizing more support for projects like the one that brought Paul Sigmund's folly designed by John James Rivera to Sigmund Park on the corner of Chestnut Street and Hamil-

ton Avenue. Mr. Wilkes said that the recently-formed Borough Parks Task Force, spearheaded by Councilman Andrew Koontz, had expressed interest in installing the folly inspired by poet Paul Muldoon in Harrison Street Park. But that proposal, like Quark Park itself, remains conceptual.

In the meantime, Mr. Wilkes said all the scientists and architects who were on board for Quark Park were still interested in a future project. While fund-raising has long placed a heavy burden on organizers, a target date of 2006 should make that goal a bit easier.

In November 2004, Writers Block was awarded the "Honor Award for Built Project" by the New Jersey chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and organizers are hoping that will give merit to the project, possibility resulting in grants and increased donations.

"We just need the cash to grease the gears," Mr. Wilkes said.

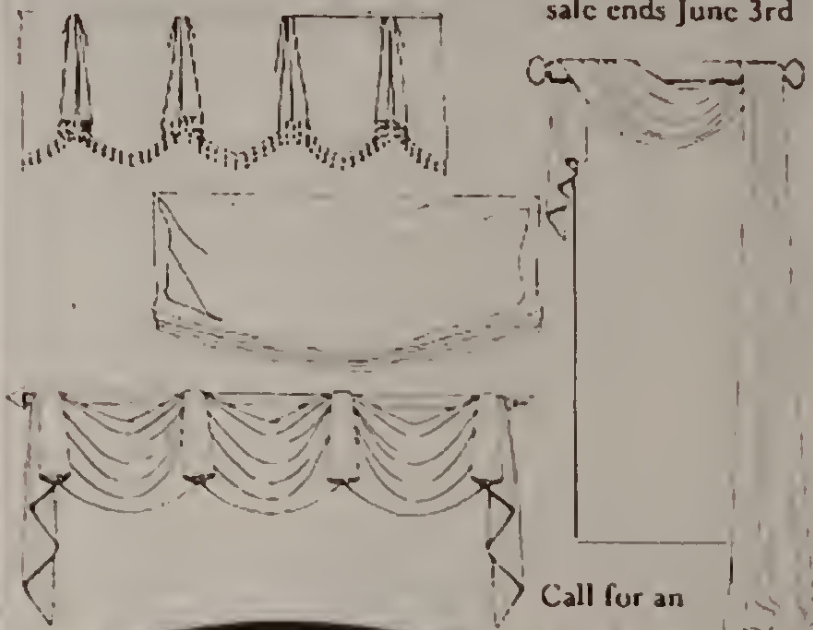
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MAILBOX

Borough Councilman Defends Budget, Champions Policy of Building Surplus

To the Editor:

With the adoption of Princeton Borough's 2005 Municipal Budget, Mayor and Council have fulfilled a pledge made last year, and have set a course for greater fiscal stability in the future. While I respect Councilman Roger Martindell's choice to oppose the budget for what he calls a "narrow reason" (that Mayor and Council have not yet required of the library a timetable for when its endowment will begin to offset operational costs), I chose to support the budget because I believe it meets important policy goals.

Last year's budget was hotly debated, as well it should have been. It contained a 12.5-cent property tax increase. But in the course of that debate, Mayor and Council made a pledge that we would keep the overall budget for 2005 lower than 2004. This was a real challenge, and some doubted it would be possible. But through staff reductions and other cost-cutting measures, we have achieved that goal. Our Borough staff deserves much credit for continuing to provide the level of service residents expect and deserve, while recognizing the burden rapidly rising property taxes place on our community.

Additionally, the 2005 budget goes a long way toward fulfilling the long-term policy of building a surplus that will stabilize our tax rate. When the Borough was hit with unexpected costs in 2004, it had nowhere to turn but higher property taxes. Our "rainy day fund," our surplus, was so depleted as to provide little relief. Our budget is riddled with uncertainty: state aid and grants that may not come, projected fees we may not collect, insurance costs that may rise unexpectedly. That is why I believe when we set taxes at the lowest possible rate, at the expense of building our surplus, we play dice with the people's money. Better, I believe, to build our surplus to a level adequate to cover unexpected costs by setting the lowest responsible tax rate, which I believe the 2005 budget does.

So let's stay focused on priorities. While I believe the library must fulfill its commitment to build an endowment to offset operating expenses, let's not let that discussion overshadow the larger achievement of the 2005 budget. Mayor and Council kept their promises to hold down expenditures, and set a course for greater tax stability in the future. Let's continue our work to preserve a Princeton where everyone, regardless of means, can afford to live.

ANDREW KOONTZ
Borough Councilman

Members of Health Care Task Force May Have Been Improperly Influenced

To the Editor:

The public should be concerned about the process the Princeton Regional Planning Board is taking to address the master plan and zoning issues that have resulted from the University Medical Center's decision to leave its current site and build a new medical campus. There are two problematic areas: 1) lack of transparency and the potential for inappropriate influence upon the Planning Board, and 2) the efficacy of decisions about zoning and land use by members of the Board who participated in the Health Care Task Force (HCTF) and who will vote on matters of enormous importance to the community.

The Health Care Task Force conducted four public meetings at which members of the community expressed their ideas and thoughts about the hospital's leaving. The Health Care Task Force also held 11 additional meetings that were not open to the public. The content of these discussions, and who was in attendance, cannot be determined because no minutes were taken. It is therefore difficult to determine if entities other than the hospital, that may have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of the redevelopment and zoning of the hospital site, have had undue influence. Did the HCTF conduct private meetings with representatives of Princeton University or architects and developers in arriving at its conclusions and recommendations to the Planning Board, Borough, and Township?

In the public's interest, members of the Princeton Regional Planning Board who served on the Health Care Task Force should be recused from the deliberations and voting on the changes to the Master Plan regarding the hospital site. Their participation — by fact of their having served on the HCTF and having arrived at conclusions and recommendations about the hospital site — cannot be without prejudice or bias. Their having participated in non-public meetings with parties interested in the hospital site increases the likelihood that these members' opinions and judgments have been unduly influenced.

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Hillier Firm's Plan for Medical Center Commended for Its Recommendations

To the Editor:

Although further details are still to be defined, we wish to express our initial favorable reaction to the thoughtful plans outlined by the Hillier firm for mixed use of the current University Medical Center at Princeton site should the hospital move from its current location.

The Hillier proposal incorporates a continuing-care retirement community including "independent," "assisted living," and "nursing care" which would allow seniors to "age in place." Seniors would also be able to walk to many in-town facilities rather than having to drive from a more remote location.

This proposal contrasts with a current one put forth by the Hovnanian company to build "age restricted" senior units. These units would not have the benefit of the onsite continuing-care medical facilities of the Hillier proposal to allow seniors to remain in place as their medical conditions change from "independent" status. In addition, the Hovnanian plan would be more remotely located on Bunn Drive on the Princeton Ridge, necessitating motor vehicle trips for all offsite requirements. It would also require the destruction of a 1,700 tree woodland fostering increased flooding and other environmental degradation, whereas the Hillier plan makes practical use of existing structures.

One item missing from the Hillier plan is provision for a free standing medical clinic/emergency facility, similar to the one now maintained by the hospital, for all Princeton residents who could experience difficulty traveling to the Medical Center's new location. Such a facility was endorsed in the report of the recent ad hoc Princeton Healthcare Task Force. The Medical Arts Building, proposed by Hillier for demolition, would be an ideal site for such a clinic, which would also be of great benefit for residents of any continuing-care retirement community.

In general, however, we wish to commend the Hillier company for its proposal.

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Added Density at Current Hospital Site Would Destroy Area's Quality of Life

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Hillier's tentative plans for the hospital site, we, the residents of the hospital neighborhood, feel that the plans are designed with the community in mind but miss the mark in several important ways.

Of course, all interested parties fully understand that Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) needs to get the best value for its land, and that maximal occupancy and density bring economies of scale to potential buyers. Mr. Hillier's plan to aim the housing in the current hospital building at "empty nesters" is clever, as it will increase the Borough's tax base without adding additional strain on the school system while addressing the community's request for senior housing. His plans for mixed-use sites, neighborhood stores, public parks, and open space are also appreciated, as they speak to points made by the community in recent public meetings.

However, Mr. Hillier's plans fail to address the residual impact that the added density will have on the surrounding community's atmosphere.

First, the plans call for the surface parking lot on Franklin Avenue to be converted to between 30 and 56 market rate units in addition to the 280 additional units in the hospital building itself, bringing potentially hundreds of additional cars and a steady river of traffic. This massive increase in traffic will flood the streets around the hospital, including Harris, Jefferson, Moore, Franklin, and Henry at all hours of the day and night. None of these roads is currently wide enough to support the already significant volume of traffic that travels them daily.

Second, to accommodate our new neighbors, it is easily imaginable that traffic signals will be installed at the corner of Franklin and Witherspoon, and at the corner of Franklin and Jefferson, effectively making Franklin Avenue a traffic funnel into the neighborhood. Franklin Avenue is currently a pedestrian artery, followed by our school children on their way to Princeton High School, John Witherspoon, and Community Park schools. Increased traffic flow will not only be unpleasant and inconvenient for residents and drivers, it will be dangerous for pedestrians.

We understand that PHCS's interest is in rezoning its land to be as profitable and attractive to potential developers as possible. We further understand that the Township's and the Borough's interests are aligned with PHCS, in that more owners and residents will contribute much needed tax revenue. However, to rezone or develop the land in such a way that it destroys the quality of life in a quiet, residential neighborhood is not simply impolitic, it's un-neighborly. We ask that the Borough, the Township, and PHCS (a) reconsider developing on the Franklin surface lot, and (b) create

alternate traffic patterns to ease the strain on a neighborhood unequipped to deal with traffic volume 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Merwick Property Should Be Rezoned To Provide Affordable Senior Housing

To the Editor:

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter to members of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton.

The Planning Board has scheduled a public meeting for May 26 to discuss the future usage and suitable zoning of the Merwick property after its intended sale by the Princeton Medical Center to an as yet unknown new owner. Because personal obligations prevent me from attending the meeting, I would like to present my comments and suggestions here.

The Merwick property includes nine acres of land. The present building is considered outdated and should be demolished. Second thoughts should be given to the possible preservation of some historic parts of the building and its chapel. Most of the Merwick property is open land and contains some beautiful old trees.

Considering Princeton's functioning as a community, what is the Merwick area specifically suited for and what are the community's greatest functional needs?

I propose that tax income, low income housing, and housing for seniors within our community are the greatest needs. Preservation of the historic character of our community is important, too. I propose that the Merwick property is specifically suited for senior housing. I propose that it can be subdivided such that some of the old trees are preserved, possibly with the creation of a gardening area. A walking connection to the downtown areas should be created, and about five or six acres set aside for mixed density senior housing, yielding possibly as many as 50 to 60 units for different levels of income and need.

We presently marginalize our seniors. The well-to-do can move to Montgomery's Stonebridge. The low income seniors can go to Elm Court, too far from downtown for walking. The middle income seniors must move a large distance from Princeton. This is functionally undesirable for a healthy community and unfair. Senior living within walking distance to the center of town is necessary for all levels of income.

The proximity of the proposed senior living area to downtown — the YMCA, the library, Princeton University, restaurants, shops, the Arts Center, McCarter Theatre, and many other cultural activities — is strikingly attractive.

In sum, I propose that the Merwick property be zoned for 14-units-per-acre maximum density, restricted for senior housing, all taxable.

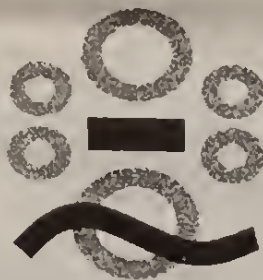
An implementation of the proposed concept should offer a variety of senior living arrangements, from low-income studio apartments to two-bedroom market rate accommodations. A central office for a nurse or emergency medical assistance would be desirable. Parking should preferably be underground.

A purchase of the property by Princeton University and restriction of its usage to University purposes — at worst, tax exempt — is undesirable for our community.

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BOOK REVIEW

Desert Island Books from Princeton University Press

Look closely at the drawing of the arched gateway to Princeton University Press on the cover of *A Century in Books*, and you might be peering into the courtyard of an 18th or 19th-century English inn. Two weeks ago the handsome 94-year-old building on William Street was thronged with people celebrating the Press's one-hundredth anniversary. While observing the scene, which featured several distinctly 18th or 19th-century faces, I indulged in two flights of fancy. One was to imagine that some of the most illustrious figures associated with the Press's publishing history had traveled through time to join the celebration. Quite a crowd. Plato, Einstein, Dante, Jefferson, Jung, Kierkegaard, Dostoevsky, Blake, Coleridge, Thoreau, Frank Lloyd Wright, Herman Melville. (*A Century in Books* makes no mention of the fact that in 1922 Princeton published limited first editions of two works by the author of *Moby Dick*.) After pondering who among those luminaries I'd have sought out for a few words of conversation (forget Plato, Dante, Kierkegaard, and Dostoevsky: the language barrier), and maybe an interview, I knew it had to be Samuel Taylor Coleridge, in spite of his reputation as a notoriously longwinded, downright unstoppable talker. The creator of the Ancient Mariner (who knew a thing or two himself about captive audiences) would have every reason to be in a glorious mood, knowing that he'd found a home at the Press and that the "flawed genius" asterisk beside his name has been removed once and for all by Princeton's massive, decades-in-the-making, recently completed 16 title/23-volume project (33 if you add the *Notebooks*), which makes a formidable case for him as the preeminent man of letters of his century. I.A. Richards called Princeton's Coleridge enterprise "one of the noblest, most arduous and most promising of our times."

My other flight of fancy ran along the same lines: not who would you want to meet at a literary party, but whose company would you prefer if you were cut off from civilization. In the long-running BBC program called *Desert Island Discs*, people are asked to name the ten records they would take with them to a desert island. Most of us have probably at one time or another considered the same question in regard to books. The desert island idea led to thoughts of a *Survivor* spin-off where the contestants' staying power would depend on the quality of the books they packed, the survivors being those who had chosen wisely in contrast to those who suffered the consequences of having committed themselves to fatally misguided choices, like the Evelyn Waugh character whose fate is to spend the

rest of his life in the jungle with nothing to read but the works of Charles Dickens.

Searching among the 100 works showcased in *A Century in Books*, I found nothing I'd have brought with me to a desert island, even if I had a steamer trunk. Books with titles like *Spectral Analysis of Economic Time Series* or *The Consistency of the Axiom of Choice* and of the *Generalized Continuum Hypothesis with the Axioms of Set Theory* are not the sort you want to curl up with in a tent, even if they happen to be in your field. The books listed and described in the Press's centenary volume are those that, according to outgoing director Walter Lippincott's introduction, "best typify what has been most lasting, most defining, and most distinctive about our publishing." The range these works cover is truly impressive. Some are not merely books but intellectual events. According to my desert island criteria, however, books that, as the Press's news release puts it, "shaped 20th-century intellectual life" would not make particularly good company. Nor would plot-oriented escapist works of fiction (even those with literary stature). For the long haul it's best to have books you can move around in and authors speaking to you as if they were in the same room; for this, Keats's warm, buoyant, playful letters actually prove to be more compatible than his poems.

At least four Princeton authors would be on my list, however. I have already mentioned Melville. If the weight restrictions were reasonably liberal and I could make a case for a single author being equal to a single volume, I'd pack Princeton's *The Illuminated Books of William Blake*, and from Princeton's definitive edition of Thoreau's works I would probably choose *Walden* over the other volumes of his journals because Thoreau is no less companionable a presence in his most famous

book than he is in his journals. In *Walden* he says the "written word" is "something at once more intimate with us and more universal than any other work of art," the work "nearest to life itself. . . carved out of the breath of life itself." It's the presence of this quality of intimacy in Coleridge that makes the first two volumes of Princeton's multi-volume edition of the *Notebooks* my first choice for company on a desert island.

Coleridge can reach across centuries, speaking to you one-on-one, making his concerns your concerns. The poet Elizabeth Bishop was responding to this quality in a letter about staying up late till two in the morning reading the correspondence "of that adorable man:" "His intestines are my intestines, his toothaches are my toothaches. I'd never realized how wonderful the letters could be in a book and how contemporary he sounds."

Coleridge's humanity, like Keats's and Shakespeare's, will never go out of date, will always be "contemporary." His notebooks contain spontaneous, unguarded, deeply personal (and usually universal) thoughts on practically all aspects of everyday existence, his own aches and pains, longings and frustrations. At the same time, he expresses himself on a range of subjects no less lofty, all-encompassing, and significant for his time than the range defined by the 100 works highlighted in *A Century in Books*. Besides being a poet, critic, and dauntless hiker, he was a biologist, botanist, diplomat, chemist, alchemist, linguist, political theorist, and preacher of sermons, as well as a highly popular lecturer on politics, religion, and literature who sometimes signed his letters, "S.T.C., gentleman poet and philosopher in a mist."

Coleridge's notebooks release a stream of consciousness that can mystify, surprise, and amuse, but that rarely leaves you at a distance from the instant of the writing, whether he's emptying his chamber pot out the window on a cold night in the Lake Country or picking up

his infant son after a fall and running out of doors with him: "The Moon caught his eye—he ceased crying immediately—and his eyes & the tears in them, how they glittered in the moonlight!" In Thoreau's journals the consciousness doesn't stream; it's guided and composed. Coleridge's mind is all over the place, but wherever it flows, the breath of his life, the pulse of his thought, is always there. Thomas Carlyle once said that he wandered in conversation "like a man sailing on many currents." In the *Notebooks* you can wander with him, and if you're stuck on a desert island, what better companion for a bit of vicarious wandering than a man who thought nothing of walking 30 miles in a single day?

Perhaps the most stunning example of the size and scope of Princeton's monument to Coleridge is that six fat volumes were needed simply to contain the notes he scribbled in the margins of books. It took almost three decades just to assemble this man's marginalia, much of it written on the pages of books that did not belong to him. Here again the editors have captured the quick of his thought for us, giving us something more intimate and alive than "finished" volumes on the multitude of subjects he had theories about; it's refreshing to observe a great mind and spirit at play in the actual living instant, unfiltered, without a net: it's like a live performance compared to something rehearsed and recorded.

There's a catch involved here. Dipping into Princeton's Coleridge can be expensive. I've been able to afford the *Notebooks* and *Morginolia* mostly thanks to decades of U-store book sales featuring Princeton University Press books at bargain prices. To buy the same books now, either new or used, could cost as much as \$490. Online, Princeton is asking \$350 for Volume 5 of the *Notebooks*. Ex-library copies of various individual works can be had for under \$100. The list prices on volumes of the *Morginolia* average \$150. For this Princeton has a solution. They have rounded up a selection, titled it *A Book I Value: Selected Morginolia*, and released it in paperback for \$18.95. Still, the best hope for finding these books at a relatively reasonable price is to haunt the U-Store, where Press sales of damaged copies or remainders are regular events.

— Stuart Mitchner



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Actress, Princeton Graduate Brooke Shields Talks on Depression

Actress, former model, and 1987 Princeton graduate Brooke Shields came to town last week to discuss her book, *Down Came the Rain: My Journey Through Postpartum Depression*.

Ms. Shields, 39, spoke to a standing-room only crowd of more than 400 at Barnes & Noble Princeton last Wednesday as part of her book tour.

The book, which shows a profile of the former model on the cover, describes her battle with depression following the birth two years ago of her daughter, Rowan Francis.

Confronting a condition that affects one in 10 mothers, Ms. Shields tells readers how the illness changed her life. She discusses her difficul-

ties getting pregnant, the high expectations she had for herself as a new mom, and the role her friends and family (including her husband, writer and producer Chris Henchy) played in her life as she battled her illness. Time, talk therapy, and medication were what finally helped the actress win the battle, she said.

Ms. Shields told her audience that she decided not to have a ghost writer for her book.

"I wanted to tell my story as honestly, openly, and nakedly as possible," she said, attributing her writing background to her education at Princeton University.

Facing difficulties with pregnancy, Ms. Shields said she

had to have in-vitro-fertilization seven times and suffered a miscarriage before she was able to become pregnant.

"The anticipation was extreme," she said of her experiences prior to birth.

Once she gave birth to a healthy baby, the struggle wasn't over, however: "It was as if a black cloud had come over my head and wasn't leaving."

The actress said that she was unable to form a bond with her child, and her frustration soon turned to depression. She said she would have visions of her daughter dying, and other dark feelings she had never experienced before. With no prior history of depression in her family, she was unable to understand why she was having these thoughts.

"I was angry when I had to take medication," she said, adding that once she felt better she would cease to take the pills, thinking that it wasn't the medicine that was making her feel better.

After facing her fears and admitting she had a problem that needed to be addressed, she felt that writing her story would help her in the healing process. However, when she began to research the illness and tried to talk to other mothers who had gone through the same ordeal, many were closed-mouthed.

"Nobody wanted to admit that they didn't immediately bond with their child... I felt like a freak," she said. "I thought there was something wrong with me and I was the

only one." Having later discovered that many women have "suffered in silence," she said, she hoped that by writing a book she would be able to speak to those mothers and help them to cope with the issues that she herself has had to face: "I want women to know they're not alone. It feels terrible, but it can get better."

When asked if she plans to have more children, Ms. Shields said she would like to try: "I'm less afraid now than I was before."

Remembering A Star

Ms. Shields attended Dwight Englewood High School in Englewood, after which she attended Princeton University. It was there she met her college sweetheart, actor Dean Cain. Both belonged to the Cap and Gown eating club.

While at Princeton, Ms. Shields acted in several Triangle Club shows, including *Star Spangled Banner* in 1986.

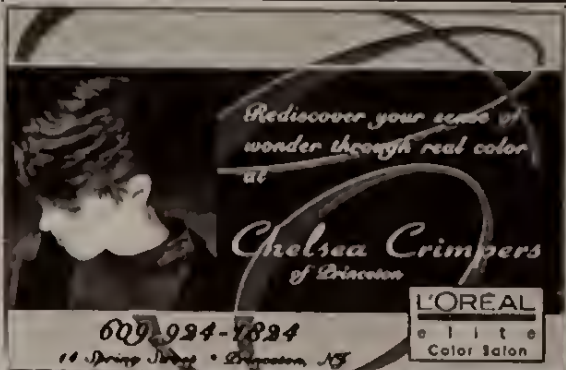
Beginning her career at 14 as a model, Ms. Shields has earned five People's Choice Awards for her work, including one for her starring role in *Suddenly Susan*, which also earned her a Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Comedy. More recently she has had leads in Broadway shows such as *Cobaret* and *Wonderful Town*.

Following her talk, Ms. Shields said she would be continuing her book tour, after which she would be taking her daughter to Europe with her.

— Candace Braun



"DOWN CAME THE RAIN": Actress and Princeton University graduate Brooke Shields gave a talk last week on her new book, *"Down Came the Rain."* The book describes her battle with postpartum depression.



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Author Explores Tensions Between Art and Faith

New Jersey author and journalist Jo Kadlecsek recently published her first work of fiction, *The Sound of My Voice*.

Over the past 15 years, Ms. Kadlecsek has reported on trends and issues related to religion, higher education, race relations, and the arts for a variety of national and regional publications. The more stories she covered, the more she began to see a growing tension between traditional and evangelical Christians and the next generation of post-modern artists.

"I wanted to see if there was a way to bring these two groups together, so that they might begin to understand just how connected they really are through the gifts of creativity and a common purpose," she said.

The author used her storytelling abilities to write *The Sound of My Voice*, published by WaterBrook, a division of Random House. The book is available in stores and online beginning this month.

The book tells the story of an aspiring playwright who leaves her Southern home to pursue her art in New York

City, without the blessing of her preacher father. As daughter and father struggle to find their voices, a shared grief emerges from the past and neither is prepared for what it will cost to heal the pain that separates them.

The Sound of My Voice is Ms. Kadlecsek's first book since moving to New Jersey with her husband in 2002. She has authored several non-fiction books, including her memoir, *Feor: A Spiritual Navigation*.

For more information on the author and her book, visit <http://www.waterbrookpress.com>, or the author's site, <http://www.lamppostmedia.net>.

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Lisa Long Martelli

Mystery Author To Speak At Chestnut Tree Books

Lisa Long Martelli, author of *An Unlikely Suspect*, will speak at Chestnut Tree Books, located at 301 N. Harrison Street, on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The author will give a talk and sign copies of her book.

An Unlikely Suspect is a "highly suspenseful mystery in which obsession, greed, and murder collide for a cast of characters as complex as the relationships that bind them together," said the author.

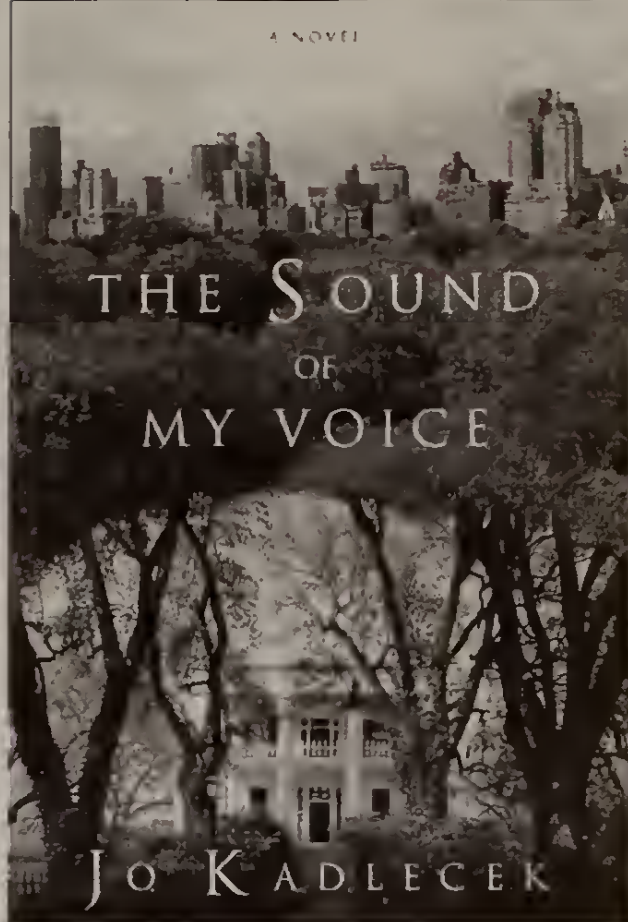
Ms. Martelli's background spans the fields of human resources management, psychological research, and clinical psychology. A former instructor in martial arts, she has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Raised in Pennsauken and educated at Chestnut Hill College and West Chester University, the author now lives in Voorhees and Beach Haven Park.

An Unlikely Suspect is available from bookstores and online retailers. It can be ordered directly from the publisher, at <http://www.authorhouse.com>.

Princeton U-Store To Hold Reunions Author Events

Celebrating 100 years, the Princeton University Store will hold author events as part of the Princeton Reunions tradition during the weekend of May 27. The U-Store will host three days of author talks and signings, all of special interest to Princetonians.



NEW FICTION: New Jersey author and journalist Jo Kadlecsek recently published her first work of fiction, *"The Sound of My Voice."* The book is available in bookstores and online.

On Friday, May 27, Paul Krugman, author *The Great Unraveling: Losing Our Way* in the New Century, will speak at 4:30 p.m. Ted Fishman, Princeton class of 1980, will read from his book, *Chino, Inc.: How the Rise of the Next Superpower Challenges America and the World*, at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., Emil Salvini will discuss her book, *Hobey Baker, American Legend*; and at 11 a.m., Michio Kaku will give a talk on *Parallel Worlds*, and Einstein's Cosmos.

Also on Saturday, at 4 p.m., Jennifer Anne Kogler, class of 2003, will discuss *Ruby Tuesday*; and at 5 p.m., Eve LaPlante, class of 1980, will read from *American Jezebel: The Uncommon*

On Sunday, May 29, alumni authors and other various authors will sign copies of their books at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a reading at 12:30 p.m. by Eva Siroka, class of 1986 (MA), and class of 1995 (PhD), who will read from *Moddeleno*.

The weekend will conclude on Sunday at 2 p.m., with a talk by Richard Smith on his book, *Princeton University*. Events will be held at the Princeton U-Store, located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street. The talks will take place in the third-floor events area.

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LEGAL FORUM

Should We Mediate Our Divorce? Maybe.

Lately, divorce mediation seems to be the "hot topic" in every magazine article and on every talk show. But what is divorce mediation? How does it work? And is right for your case?

Mediation is the "process in which a mediator facilitates communication and negotiation between parties to assist them in reaching a voluntary agreement regarding their dispute." N.J.S.A. 2A:23C-2. The mediator should be a neutral third-party qualified to aid you in identifying your disagreements, discussing your respective positions, and reaching mutually acceptable resolutions. Each party must choose to engage in mediation; neither party should feel pressured. Also, it is important to know that you may terminate the mediation process at any time.

A report prepared by a mediator, or an agreement prepared by the parties through mediation, is not admissible in Court, but an agreement signed by both parties becomes legally binding. Therefore, you should not feel pressured to enter into any agreement you do not fully understand, or with which you are not comfortable. The mediator's role is that of a facilitator, not an advocate for either party. Therefore, it may be advisable to retain an attorney to assist you during the mediation process.

In November 2004, the New Jersey Uniform Mediation Act ("UJMA") was enacted. UJMA establishes uniform procedures and standards and provides safeguards for people in mediation. Specifically, UJMA recognizes that what is said by the parties or by the mediator during the course of mediation is confidential and cannot be disclosed to a Court unless the parties and/or the mediator waives his or her privilege of confidentiality. However, a party to a mediation, including a mediator, can disclose if another party threatens to commit a crime. Also, a mediator may report to a Court whether or not a mediation took place, whether or not the parties attended mediation, and whether or not a settlement was reached (although he or she may not divulge the terms of the settlement without the parties' consent).

For divorce mediation to be successful, you and your spouse or partner must be on "equal footing." That is, you should have the same level of knowledge and understanding of your

family's assets and debts, your current and past incomes, and your ongoing expenses. Parties to a mediation cannot be compelled to exchange financial information, so it is imperative that each party has access to sufficient information to participate in mediation and to make informed decisions. If there is an imbalance of power between you and your partner or spouse, and especially if there is a history of domestic violence, mediation is not appropriate.

Cases involving complex valuation or sophisticated compensation issues also may not be appropriate for mediation. Such cases may require substantial aggressive discovery. Because a mediator may be a mental health professional, an accountant or a practicing attorney, it is important that you choose a mediator who will best suit your case. For example, a mediator who is an attorney may be better able to assist you with involved financial issues or significant assets.

Mediation is an especially positive forum for parents to discuss child-related issues. Such mediation may help you and your spouse or partner reach mutual decisions concerning your children in their best interest, involving as few third parties as possible. You may choose to hire a private mediator or, for those parties with divorce or custody cases pending before a Court, there are court mediators available free of charge to assist you in reaching agreements concerning your children. Whether you choose a private mediator or attend court, again, it is helpful to have independent legal counsel with whom you can consult during the mediation process.

Mediation, like negotiation and litigation, is just one method by which some parties can resolve their differences. However, you must remember that the role of a mediator is not to negotiate or advocate on your behalf. That role is left to your lawyer. Therefore, it is essential that parties to a mediation retain an independent attorney to assist them.

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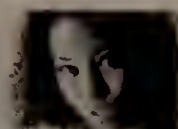
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GOING TO THE DOGS: Author William Wegman will sign copies of his books on Saturday, May 21, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Beasley's Bookbindery, located on 106 Harrison Street in Frenchtown. He is the author of "Chip Wants a Dog," "Dress Up Batty," and "Wegmanology," among others. The author has shown his works, mostly Polaroid photographs of his dogs, internationally. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be used to help rebuild Carriage House Kennels. For more information, call (908) 996-9993.

Engagements



Poul Groefen and Suzie Hennessy

Hennessy - Graefen. Suzie Hennessy, daughter of Mary Hennessy Webb and step-daughter of Jeff Webb of Haddonfield, N.J., formerly of Cranbury, to Paul Graefen, son of Larry and Sue Graefen of Stevensville, Mich.

The bride-to-be grew up in the Princeton area where she attended Stuart Country Day School. She graduated with honors from Princeton University in 2000 and received a master's degree from Harvard University in 2001. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in education at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Graefen, who lives and works in Rockford, Mich., is a 1988 graduate of Aquinas College. He worked as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch before becoming national sales manager of Vomela/Harbor Graphics.

The couple will be wed in June in Haddon Heights and plan to reside in Rockford.

Borough Budget

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when the library board and Council began discussions on library financing.

"We knew that it was going to tap our taxpayers at a time when they were feeling stress already," he said.

At an April 26 joint Borough/Township budget hearing, however, Library Director Leslie Burger said that while there is a \$10 million goal for the endowment, any expendable monies from that fund, as of now, are being used to raise more funds and not necessarily toward operating expenses.

"I don't object to that," Mr. Martindell said, adding that his concern lay in the aforementioned commitment "to raise the endowment in part to defer the operating expenses of the library."

"It is time that we had a negotiation with the library as to when the funds will be made available and to what extent."

But Councilwoman Wendy Benchley, who voted in favor of the budget, said that if the Borough, right now, asked the library for part of the estimated \$60,000 in expendable income from the endowment, it would hinder fund-raising efforts.

"We shouldn't nickel and dime the endowment campaign," she said, suggesting that the Borough wait to see more substantial endowment income before accepting those funds as payment for library purchases.

Councilman David Goldfarb cast the second dissenting vote, saying the Borough exceeded its projected revenue and that budgetary goals could have been met by committing less to the surplus, thus lowering the tax rate a few cents.

"We can meet our tax goals without increasing expenditures," he said.

Councilman Andrew Koontz refuted Mr. Goldfarb's point, saying that building back a surplus to mitigate the impact of future budget crunches is "good policy."

—Matthew Hersh

Corn Planting for Kids At Howell Farm May 21

Children interested in finding about the origin of corn flakes, corn chips, polenta, tortillas, and hush puppies can find out at Corn Planting Day at Howell Farm this Saturday. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., farmers will introduce kids to some of the earlier facts of farm life by having them help with corn seed selection, fertilizing, and planting. Afterward, children can grind and sift corn meal for baking and sample freshly made corn bread. Special maps will be given to participants to guide them to each production area; those who have their map stamped at all areas will be given a bag of freshly ground corn meal to take home. Participating children must be accompanied by an adult.

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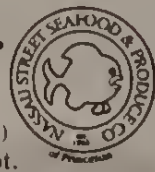
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The groom-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Princeton High School. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College and is employed as a sixth grade teacher at the Head-Royce School in Oakland, Calif.

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Water Color Paintings To Be on Exhibit At Medical Center

An art exhibition of watercolor paintings by Ellen Faber will open at the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) with a wine and cheese reception on Friday, May 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. The collection may be viewed daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., through July 20.

Ms. Faber studied art while attending Smith College in Northampton, Mass. Subsequently, she attended arts courses in Paris and the United States. Ms. Faber has studied with numerous artists at a number of institutions, including Lucy McVicker, Barbara Neiches, as well as Gail Robertson, 1860 House, Princeton; Charles Reid, Silvermine School, Ct.; and Virginia McNeice, Cambridge, N.Y.

Ms. Faber began painting watercolors in 1995 and discovered a passion for it. Her paintings have been shown in many juried and non-juried shows and are in many private collections.

"I paint for one reason: the love of painting. The act of applying paint to paper strikes a very deep chord and the process of translating my

reality to paper or canvas is exciting," said the artist. "Creating the light and luminosity of color is a constant challenge and a very personal journey."

Ms. Faber resides with her husband in Cambridge, N.Y.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Auxiliary at University Medical Center at Princeton. The proceeds from the show will benefit the establishment of a new community Breast Health Center.

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Museum Exhibits Work From Ellarslie Open

The Trenton City Museum is currently holding its 23rd annual Ellarslie Open, which has a long tradition of highlighting the multi-medium work of regional, state, and nationally-known artists.

A total of 165 artists submitted 262 entries this year, and 89 works were accepted. This year the Ellarslie Open will exhibit works from 77 artists in three states and 45 cities.

This year's juror was Mary-kate O'Hare, Ph.D., who is currently the assistant curator of American Art at The Newark Museum. Dr. O'Hare has


over 50 publications and presentations to her credit, and over ten years museum experience managing, curating, and collecting.

Among this year's winners, who received varying amounts of money from a total of \$4,300 donated by sponsors, are Charles McVicker of Princeton, who received honorable mention for his acrylic painting, "Rouen."

Others who were awarded include Jeane Nielson of Hillsboro, who won the Ben Whitmire Purchase Award for his ceramic seed pod teapot, and Tom Chesar of Stockton, who received the Museum Society Purchase Award for his acrylic painting, "Cottage Towel Rack." Jay Shin of Yardley, Pa. was the other winner for this prize, for his photograph, "Vineyard of Chianti Italy." Titusville resident Jameson Moore received the Best in Show for Printmaking for his wood engraving, "Barn Door."

Museum Hours for the Trenton City Museum are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. The gallery is open the second Friday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5 to 7 p.m.

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SHORE EXCURSIONS: Hopewell Township artist David Biddle will exhibit his paintings as part of an exhibit at the Gallery at Bristol-Meyers Squibb's spring exhibition. The show, which will run through July 18, is titled, "Canvassing the Coast: Contemporary Paintings Inspired by the New Jersey Shore." Mr. Biddle paints seaside scenes that imply a narrative culled from memories of family excursions to Cape May. Other artists that will be spotlighted include David Ahlsted, David Ambrose, Robyn Ellenbogen, Stephen J. Floersheimer, Dennis Foy, Paul Kremens, Scott Redden, and Alan Soffer. The gallery's hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on weekends from 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery will be closed on May 30 and July 4. For more information, call (609) 252-6275.

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"PORTRAIT": Local artist Betty Curtiss will display her work at the Arts Council of Princeton through June 2. The opening reception will be held on Friday, May 20, 6 to 8 p.m. Pictured is the artist's portrait of a woman on the beach. Ms. Curtiss finds much of her inspiration in settings in Central New Jersey.

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Michener Art Museum To Highlight Film Posters

This summer will be the seasons for "Lights, camera, action!" at the James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope, Pa., as the museum presents, "Selling Dreams: Film Posters 1945-2005," an exhibition of graphic art taken from the world of motion pictures over the last half-century.

Sponsored by the Princeton Packet Publications, with additional support from a legislative initiative grant awarded by State Representative Bernie O'Neill, it will be on view from May 20 through September 4, in the Carol and Louis Della Penn Gallery.

Drawn from the collection of Mark del Costello, the exhibition features poster art from 15 countries spanning 60 years, including such film classics as *West Side Story*, *South Pacific*, *Rebel Without a Cause*, *Dr. Strangelove*, and *Chinatown*, as well as recent favorites like *Silence of the Lambs* and *Reservoir Dogs*.

Since the premiere of the first motion picture in 1895, graphic posters have been in demand to attract public attention. For almost 100 years — until the 1980s when television largely assumed this role — film posters were the single most important tool for promoting and advertising motion pictures, and they impacted the consciousness from Hollywood to Hong Kong. This blatant commercial form of graphic art had an explicit goal of selling the very appeal of the movies: selling action; selling romance; selling glamour; selling dreams.

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"The films represented in this exhibition are some of the most popular and important from their respective eras," said Mr. Del Costello. The inclusion of non-U.S. posters was important, he said, "so that the exhibit could show American culture through the eyes and art of a wide variety of foreign artists."

Many of the films highlighted in "Selling Dreams" involve artists with Bucks County connections such as Oscar Hammerstein II, Patricia Highsmith, and James A. Michener.

Mr. Del Costello has been a passionate collector of film posters, as well as music and political posters, for several decades: "In 1972 after college I was living in Rome, and I would see these incredible, huge posters all over the city." After tracking down the source of these posters, he began to purchase as many as would fit in his suitcase.

Mr. Del Costello would make return trips to Rome in subsequent years, and would sometimes have his Italian cousins send home footlockers full of posters to his home in New Jersey.

"The Italian dealers called me 'Il pazzo Americano,' the crazy American," he says. By 1979 he had amassed one of the finest collections of film posters in the United States.

Mr. Del Costello's original motion picture collection, consisting of 933 posters, is housed at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, where he worked as a senior cataloguer in the late 1970s, and designed the first computerized cataloging system for film materials used by film archives worldwide. He also worked for legendary director Martin Scorsese in the early 1980s, first as a photographer and later as a full-time assistant, while Scorsese was in production on *Raging Bull* and the *King of Comedy*, among other projects.

An additional collection, consisting of 500 of Mr. Del Costello's American posters, which includes music, Broadway and political-themed posters, is at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art.

"The posters in 'Selling Dreams' come from the U.S. as well as 22 other countries," he said, adding that "the 'universality' of the posters repre-

ceived and depict American icons."

Upcoming Events

Among the programs and events scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition are a "Meet the Collector" presentation by Mark del Costello on Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m. Mr. Del Costello will also present a talk on the History of Film Advertising on Thursday, June 9, at 7 p.m.

In addition, there will be a presentation and discussion on Thursday, June 16, at 7 p.m., by composer Joe Renzetti, who has arranged and composed the scores for more than 15 motion pictures, including his Oscar-winning score for the 1978 film, *The Buddy Holly Story*.

Film critic Bill Wine (KYW-News Radio, Fox Philadelphia WTXF-TV, The Village Voice, The Philadelphia Daily News, The Philadelphia Inquirer) will discuss the role of the contemporary critic in "Everyone's a Critic," a free presentation on Thursday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m.. Mr. Wine's presentation is a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, supported in part by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

On Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m., the museum will present the classic movie musical *South Pacific*, at Occasions in Union Square, adjacent to the museum.

And Young Friends of the Michener (YFMAM) will present a special post-screening pool party on Thursday, July 14, at 9:30 p.m. at the Raven Resort, 385 W. Bridge St. in New Hope, featuring tropical cocktails and décor inspired by the film's Bali H'ai setting.

The James A Michener Art Museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope and 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown. New Hope's gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday (Memorial Day to Labor Day) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Galleries are closed Monday.

General admission is \$5, children aged 6 to 18 are \$2, and senior citizens aged 60 and older are \$4. For more



"MIXED MEDIA": The Young Alumni Exhibition will be on display at the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School through June 3. Pictured here is Worth Stokes Haile's photograph, "Mixed Media." Ms. Haile is a 1998 graduate of Lawrenceville. After graduating, she travelled extensively and later received her undergraduate degree in documentary journalism from Mary Washington College, and then completed a specialized program at the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies. She later received a grant for her research on privatization in Timisoara, Romania. The Gruss Center of Visual Arts is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. It is also open Wednesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (609) 620-6026.

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"CLINCH": Elise Dodeles will exhibit her show, "Figuring Sport: Recent Paintings," through June 30, at the Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick. The exhibit is part of the New Jersey Artist Series. The exhibit can be viewed by appointment, by calling (732) 524-6957.

Oil Paintings on Exhibit In New Brunswick Gallery

"Figuring Sport: Recent Paintings," by Elise Dodeles, will be on display at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick through June 30. The exhibition is part of the company's ongoing New Jersey Artists series.

The exhibition features oil paintings that explore the "brute force of sports." Ms. Dodeles began exploring sports as a subject in response to the physical and emotional hardships she experienced following surgery.

"By combining a rediscovered love of sport and an ongoing study of human anatomy, I have realized the perfect vehicles to express emotions," she said.

Ms. Dodeles works from old black and white photographs, incorporating her interests as a preservationist and archives assistant. The artist studied painting at the New York Academy of Art, where she received her MFA in 1990.

Ms. Dodeles has been painting, drawing, and exhibiting her artwork for more than 20 years. Her work has been exhibited in various cities throughout the U.S., as well as Canada and Europe. Her drawings were included in the Part Fantasy exhibits of the mid-to-late 1990s.

The Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery is located at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick. The gallery is open by appointment only. For more information on the gallery exhibitions, call (732) 524-6957.

For more information on the artist, visit <http://www.geocities.com/edodeles>.

Hopewell Library Shows "Art For Words" Exhibit

The Friends of the Hopewell Public Library will host their spring event, "Art for Words," an auction of original works donated by 40 Delaware Valley artists, on Saturday, May 21.

The event will be held at the Hopewell Center, at 57 Hamilton Avenue in Hopewell Borough, at 7 p.m. There will be a cocktail reception with live music by the locally



ART FOR WORDS: The Friends of the Hopewell Public Library will host their spring event, "Art for Words," an auction of original works donated by 40 Delaware Valley artists, on Saturday, May 21. The event will be held at the Hopewell Center, at 57 Hamilton Avenue in Hopewell Borough, at 7 p.m. Pictured are the two co-chairs for the event, Gina Smith and Lisa Canzano.

renowned folk band, Wink Shabbender, Bob Steeler, about the participants, log on and a Nod Hopewell resident Reid Taylor and Mary to <http://www.redlibrary.org>, and local personality Ian Watson.

Burrow will lead the auction, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

All proceeds from ticket and art sales will directly benefit the library, thanks to the generosity of Hopewell businesses that are underwriting the event. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Hopewell Public Library, or at Failte Coffeehouse.

For more information, to buy tickets by mail, or to bid in absentia, contact the Friends at hplfriends@verizon.net.

Included among the Hopewell artists are Linda Bradshaw, Guy Ciarcia, Akiko Colcutt, Tom Johnson, and Terence Johnson of T. Johnson Design, and Pat Lange.

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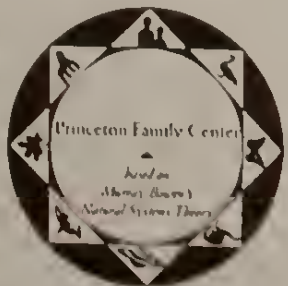
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SOMETHING IS ROTTEN — Rob Campbell, in the title role, watches and broods over the evils of Denmark in Daniel Fish's modernized, unconventional perspective on Shakespeare's Hamlet, playing at McCarter's Berlind Theatre through June 19.

Times, taunts the meddling Polonius? Or when the bespectacled, cigar-smoking ghost sits Hamlet down in the den for a serious father-son talk? Or when the melancholy Dane (to threaten his uncle? to shock the audience?) strips down entirely? And if you're sure you know how it all turns out in the end.

Perhaps you don't know Hamlet as well as you thought you did. The unconventional, thought-provoking Daniel Fish version currently playing at McCarter's Berlind Theatre will definitely make you wonder. One of Mr. Fish's goals in this staging of a play the lines of which many theater-goers can recite along with the actors is to defy expectations, to force us to take a new look, to challenge our assumptions about what we thought we knew, and to surprise us again and again.

Hamlet is about fathers and sons and families. It is also about revenge, political intrigue, love and lust, corruption, mortality and so many other themes which have engaged the imagination and emotion of audiences throughout the world for more than four centuries. Perhaps most pervasively, however, at least in this production, Hamlet is about playing. Shakespeare's text is full of the language of theater and drama, as all the characters in the tragedy must play certain roles in the corrupt court of Denmark. The plot of Hamlet is a constant series of plays-within-plays, as Hamlet, Claudius, Polonius and others stage particular scenes to serve their personal and political purposes.

"The play's the thing wherein I'll catch the conscience of the King," Hamlet declares, after a troupe of visiting actors help him to realize that he must use these theatrics to his advantage in his life-and-death struggle with his scheming uncle. And, as Hamlet later instructs the visiting players, "the purpose of playing... was and is to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature."

Despite its extensive double-casting and the absence of thrones and scepters, battlements and kingly robes, Mr. Fish's production, does explore the multiple themes of this endlessly rich play. But the greatest energies of this production focus on the spirit of playing. The stage left wall is literally a mirror, reinforcing the figurative mirrors throughout the play. The actors are playing their parts. Hamlet is playing at being mad and trying to assume the responsibility, as Prince, to "set it right" in Denmark, and the other characters are constantly playing and staging the roles and scenes of their lives. Meanwhile, Mr. Fish is playing with his audience — shocking, surprising, amusing, entertaining, upsetting preconceived notions and long-held assumptions, forcing us to see and hear in new ways. We are spectators of the troubling events of the play, but we are also enlisted as witnesses, eavesdroppers and even actors in the drama.

This is a Brechtian production, alienating the audience from the immediacy of the characters and action in order to make us think rather than get lost in subjectivity and emotion, forcing us constantly to question: Why is Claudius bringing an old record player on stage? What are we supposed to interpret the fact that old Hamlet's ghost, Claudius, Rosencrantz and Osric are all the same actor? Why are we behind the front stage curtain with Polonius, listening but unable to see the first minute of Hamlet's traumatic meeting with his mother in her chamber? What do we make of Ophelia's attending and participating in her own funeral? Mr. Fish repeatedly reminds us, with his conspicuous display of the upper reaches of the

Berlind backstage, the wheeling onstage of the requisite fog machine for the ghostly "battlements", the sudden descent of a dangling loudspeaker, that we are witnessing not life but theater.

Audiences, rather than simply accepting previous conceptions and assumptions about Hamlet, will find themselves engaged in the intellectual challenges of parsing Mr. Fish's sometimes eccentric choices and interpretations. This production will provoke thought, speculation, lively discussion and also, unquestionably, a certain amount of scorn for some of its more unusual, seemingly arbitrary choices. It also is a production that will prove difficult for viewers who are not thoroughly familiar with the play. They may face some confusion with the double-casting, the instantaneous transitions and the deliberate jarring of realism and expectations.

In many ways, however, Mr. Fish and his dynamic, experienced ensemble present a sparklingly lucid Hamlet, with communication, projection and audience engagement further enhanced by the virtues of the intimate 360-seat Berlind Theatre.

Rob Campbell in the title role leads the company as an intense, sad-eyed, sympathetic Hamlet. His unpredictably varied and athletic performance and his thoughtful, strong and meaningful reading of the lines deliver even the most familiar moments and speeches in a fresh light. Incomprehensibilities there may be in Mr. Fish's production, but Mr. Campbell portrays the complex and troubled protagonist with winning originality, sensitivity, intelligence and clarity.

Among his finest scenes and the most memorable moments of the evening are his meeting with his father's ghost (Michael Emerson, excellent also as Claudius), which is set not on the craggy ramparts, but with two chairs, a standing lamp and large ashtray, as if in the father's den; Hamlet's advice to the Players ("Speak the speech, I pray you as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue"), which here takes place in the context of an evocative conversation between Hamlet and the single Player (Frank Wood) as the Player works on a "to be or not to be" speech that Hamlet picks up on immediately after the Player exits; and a dynamic climactic scene at the play-within-the-play where Hamlet enlists his mother (Stephanie Roth Haberle, sorrowful and sympathetic as Gertrude) and uncle to actually read the appropriate parts in "The Murder of Gonzago," thus forcing them to reenact their wicked deeds.

David Margulies, as Polonius and the first Gravedigger, is also impressively strong, colorfully bringing across rich nuance in Shakespeare's language and characterizations. Haynes Thigpen's Horatio, with heavy beard, horn-rimmed glasses and shabby attire, admirably embodies the scholar, looking as if he just emerged from the computer lab or engineering quadrangle of Wittenberg. Carrie Preston plays a spirited and fragile Ophelia, and then doubles as the second Gravedigger, while Jesse J. Perez portrays her forceful, vigorous brother Laertes.

The stark, abstract, no-frills set by John Conklin, costumes by Kaye Voyce and lighting by Scott Zielinski all contribute effectively to Mr. Fish's goal of stripping away the illusions and relying on the actors themselves to tell the story.

Since Richard Burbage first assayed the role in 1601, with Shakespeare himself playing the ghost of Hamlet senior, Hamlet has seen countless interpretations, adaptations and stagings. "The more I direct," Mr. Fish reflected, "the more I understand how important it is to approach all plays as if they were new plays... I want to free the play from its own reputation... We've worked on Hamlet as if it were a new play, cutting and re-arranging the text, doubling roles in ways that revealed hidden aspects of the story and focusing on the humanity of even the most supernatural events of the story." It's a valuable, fascinating experiment, not intending in any way to be a "definitive" Hamlet (whatever that means), not appealing to everyone's tastes and ideas on this cherished classic — but admirably challenging us all, whether seeing Hamlet for the first or the hundredth time, to participate as active, thinking spectators.

Shakespeare's Hamlet, directed by Daniel Fish, will be playing at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, 91 University Place in Princeton, through June 19. For times, tickets and further information, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

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VOLUNTEERING HER TIME: Elaine Phillips is one of more than 150 trained tutors in Mercer County that actively volunteers their time with almost 400 inmates at the New Jersey State Prison. She helps teach prisoners how to read, and how to become tutors for other inmates. Approximately 75 percent of the Trenton population is below a ninth grade reading level.

Library's Film Explores Illiteracy in State Prison

Visitors to the Princeton Public Library's Human Rights Film Festival last weekend got to explore various issues that affect both the local and national population. One of these issues was illiteracy among prisoners in New Jersey.

How Do You Spell Murder? chronicles a year in the life of illiterate prisoners in the New Jersey State Prison, exploring the powerful connection between illiteracy and crime.

The prison houses the most desperate criminals in the state, most of them serving out life sentences, having committed murders and other serious crimes. One study by the National Institute of Justice suggests that illiteracy is the primary cause of crime.

Inside America's prisons, 70 percent of the inmates cannot read or write. The prisons are filled with poorly

educated men and women who come from deteriorating urban neighborhoods with failing public school systems. Many inmates in the country read below a fourth grade reading level; the statistics are worse in New Jersey.

To date, approximately 75 percent of the Trenton population is below a ninth grade reading level. New Jersey has the fourth highest level of immigrants in the country, even though it is the fifth smallest state.

The film discusses the New Jersey community's 18-year effort to help teach prisoners how to read.

Some of the men in the documentary tell stories of repeating second or third grade four or five times, and how they were promoted to the next grade level just so that the district could get them out of the school system. Many have undiagnosed

learning disorders, and almost all are school drop-outs.

Many of these criminals could barely grasp the legal documents and procedures in their criminal trial, and were unable to understand what determined the court's ruling.

Some of the prisoners in the film are not only able to learn to read themselves, but have taken tutor training courses to become literacy tutors for other inmates.

The film profiles Elaine Phillips of Lawrenceville, who has been going to the state prison for a number of years to train inmates as tutors and to evaluate their students. She is associated with ABC Prison Literacy, which is an outreach program of the Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton. She is also the tutor trainer for Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County, and has

recently completed a training course held in the Princeton Public Library, that graduated 25 new tutors. Ms. Phillips is also a learning disabilities specialist, and spends time each week identifying students with special needs that have limited their ability to read.

For those prisoners who do eventually get out, the rate of recidivism is markedly reduced and the chance that these men can return to a useful life is increased dramatically with their newfound ability to read.

At present, there are more than 150 trained tutors actively volunteering their time with almost 400 students throughout Mercer County, teaching basic literacy as well as English for speakers of other languages.

The need for tutors with the Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County is constant, with a growing waiting list of 100 or more students. A seven-week tutor training course is offered several times a year in different areas around Princeton. The next scheduled program will be held in September.

For more information, email LVA Mercer@earthlink.net, or visit <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/lvame>.

— Candace Braun
(George Vogel contributed to this story)

Off-Broadstreet Schedules Comedy, "Shady Business"

Shady Business, the newest comedy by Robin Hawdon, will begin a six-weekend run at the Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell this Friday, May 20.

Featuring crooks, mistaken identity, and love triangles, the comedy revolves around Mandy, a nightclub dancer living in Soho who has gotten herself into a predicament. She and her new boyfriend Gerry have overslept in the apartment of her boss, Big Mack, who uses the apartment to run his money laundering scheme and thinks Mandy is his girlfriend. Matters become more complicated when Mandy's friend Tania, stops by and discovers that Gerry is really Larry, her love interest.

Admission Friday and Sunday is \$23.75, Saturday \$25.25. Seniors are \$22 for Sunday matinees only. For reservations call (609) 466-2766.

The Off-Broadstreet Theatre is located at S South Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell.



KICKING OFF THE WEEKEND: Princeton singer and songwriter Ranjit Arapurakal kicked off the Princeton Public Library's first Human Rights Film Festival last weekend. The festival, which featured 15 documentary films, as well as speakers and musicians, ran from Thursday through Sunday.

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Eight Short Plays By Young Writers Coming to Trenton

Eight Trenton middle school students will get a taste of what it's like to be a playwright on Saturday, June 11, when their original ten-minute plays will be performed by professional actors at Trenton's Passage Theatre Company.

Developed during the "Play-making" program that Passage conducted at the 21st Century Learning Center at Grace Dunn Middle School this spring, each play takes a humorous, touching, or unusual look at what it means to have respect for someone else. Titled *R-E-S-P-E-C-T*, the production of eight plays will be performed at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Mill Hill Playhouse in Trenton.

Admission is free, although a \$5 donation is suggested. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling (609) 392-0766 or e-mailing info@passage-theatre.org.

The playwriting program began in February under the direction of Passage Theatre's Associate Artistic Director David White, who worked with the students for three weeks on the basics of playwriting, plot, character development, and conflict. After completing the workshops, the students were invited to a weekend retreat at Princeton University. Each child worked one-on-one with an adult artist-mentor to craft his or her play. The taste of collegiate life was designed to inspire the students to focus on their schoolwork and think about their futures.

This year's plays will include a talking bowl of lime Jeil-O that has to convince a bright yellow Hummer SUV to give him a ride; a dog that helps a princess become a fashion model; and a rabbit that makes friends with an alien during a space flight taken to find the perfect engagement ring.

Passage Theatre is Trenton's leading professional theatre, in residence at the Mill Hill Playhouse at the intersection of Front and Montgomery Streets. Free parking is available across the street from the theatre.

"Shakespeare in the Square" Plans Its Annual Appearance

Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival and Palmer Square Management will cosponsor *Shakespeare in the Square* *Shakespear-e-thon*, an annual public reading of the works of William Shakespeare, this Sunday, May 22 on the Green in Palmer Square. The free event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Local residents, students, merchants, and art and poetry lovers will take the stage to read or perform their favorite Shakespearean songs, sonnets, soliloquies, and scenes from the Bard's works in celebration of his 441st birthday.

Those interested in reading, performing, or singing at the event may reserve a slot by calling Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival at (609) 921-3682. Slots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

The event will be hosted by

David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management. Winberie's restaurant will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, and beer during the event.

For more information about Princeton Rep Company, visit www.princetonrep.org.

Peddle Planning Auditions For New Comedy Premiere

Open auditions for the world premiere of a new comedy entitled *Exhibit This!* will be held on May 25 and 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Choral Room of the Swig Arts Center on the Peddie School campus in Hightstown. The auditions are open to men and women ages 20 and up.

Exhibit This! will be produced by The Peddie Community Players, a program of CAPPS, the Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School.

Written by New Jersey Playwright Luigi Jannuzzi, *Exhibit This!* is a series of skits and monologs set in The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. It will be performed in the Swig Arts Center.

Rehearsals will run through June with weekend performance dates of July 8, 9, and 10, and July 15, 16, and 17. The show will be directed by Michael Gallagher, who has previously starred in and directed Peddie Community Players productions.

Auditioners should bring a resume and be prepared to read from the script.

For directions or other information, including a copy of the script, call CAPPS at (609) 490-7550 or visit capps@peddle.org.



ALIVE AND KICKING: The nation's oldest college musical-comedy troupe, the Princeton Triangle Club, will return to McCarter Theatre for two performances on Friday, May 27 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. Titled "Orange and Black to the Future," the new show follows the travails of time-travelers sent back to 2004 to save the world, and features, of course, Triangle's infamous and politically incorrect all-male kickline. Founded 114 years ago, Triangle is the only college group that creates an original, student-written musical each year that is presented on national tour. For tickets, priced from \$20 to \$25, call (609) 258-2787.

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Steinway Society Slates Recital in Lawrenceville

The Greater Princeton Steinway Society will host a performance by the pianist, composer, and teacher Paul Zeigler on Sunday, June 5 at 4 p.m. at the Jacobs Music Recital Hall in Lawrenceville. Admission will be \$15.

Mr. Zeigler's multifaceted career has taken him on per-

formance tours throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. In April 2002, he won the Kathryn G. Obenshain Award for second place at The 22nd Bartok-Kabalevsky-Prokofiev International Piano Competition and Festival at Radford University, Va. As a composer-performer, his works have been featured on radio and television, and in concert

halls. His March, 2004 New York City concert of original works drew praise from John Hammel of WNTI Radio. "It is refreshing to encounter music so utterly accessible and imbued with a compelling joie de vivre at its core," he said. "All of Mr. Zeigler's compositions offered a full emotional and coloristic palette. His piano playing was masterful."



WESTMINSTER RECITALIST: Westminster Conservatory faculty member Marvin Rosen will present the final concert of the 2004-05 Westminster Conservatory at Nassau Series tomorrow, May 19, in a free recital at Nassau Presbyterian Church. The program will feature recent compositions for solo piano by international composers.

Mr. Zeigler's recently released CDs are entitled *Beethoven: Three Sonatas, Pathétique, Moonlight and Appassionata*, and *To Music and Other Original Works by Paul Zeigler*. He teaches in his private studio in Madison, N.J.

Admission will be \$15, or \$8 for full-time students.

Jacobs Music is located at 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

MUSIC REVIEW

Westminster Choir College Alum Presents Exhilarating Recital as Part of Alumni Weekend

In the late 1970s, one particular voice studio at Westminster Choir College turned out amazing students. The singers in Lindsey Christiansen's vocal program had solid technique and unique voices full of character and individuality. These singers, sometimes recognizable by their perfect physical poise and stature when they sing, often tum up in professional choruses and opera companies throughout the country. Jennifer Larmore, a stand-out from that era of vocal pedagogy at Westminster and a former student of Ms. Christiansen, returned to the College last week to receive an honorary Doctor of Music degree, and to kick off the alumni weekend, presented a recital in Richardson Auditorium on Wednesday night. Ms. Larmore was joined in this performance by the Westminster Choir, conducted by her former teacher Joseph Flummerfelt; and was accompanied by her classmate Daniel Beckwith, a successful pianist in his own right.

Ms. Larmore chose to program Wednesday night's concert differently than the usual vocal recital. Rather than work through classical repertoire and end with lighter fare, she began with unusual folk arrangements and Americana. The six works of the first set were certainly not the more common folksongs, and Ms. Larmore seemed to set the tone for the entire recital with Roger Quilter's ethereal "Love's Philosophy." Ms. Larmore's dark and rich mezzo seized the audience from the start, and Mr. Beckwith had no trouble providing a fiery piano accompaniment. While Ms. Larmore luxuriated in her lower register in John Jacob Niles' "Black is the Color of my True Love's Hair," she soared into the upper register in Patrick Hundley's "Heart, We Will Forget Him." She had no trouble conveying humor from the stage, as was apparent in Charles Ives's "Very Pleasant," and her facial expressions could match any text effectively.

Ms. Larmore met her first stretch of the

concert in Mozart's vocal cantata, *Ch'io mi scordi di te*. She skipped over the touch coloratura with ease, a feat later repeated in Rossini's *Ragata Veneziana*. The dramatic song set by Rossini in particular demonstrated Ms. Larmore's animation and solid control over her voice while conveying a number of humorous effects.

When Ms. Larmore took breaks from solo singing, the audience was treated to another trip down Westminster's memory lane — Joseph Flummerfelt conducting the Westminster Choir. Retired from the Choir College after 33 years as Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Flummerfelt showed that he still has control over the 40-voice vocal ensemble with a solid performance of Brahms' *Zigeunerlieder*. Dr. Flummerfelt kept the five choral selections precise and clean, with crisp diction and a well-blended choral sound. Steady piano accompaniment was provided by longtime Westminster accompanist Nancianne Parella.

The chorus returned with Ms. Larmore later in the concert for a sentimental performance of Schubert's *Ständchen*, a piece which Dr. Flummerfelt performed extensively on tour. The men's sections were particularly clean in this work, and the Schubertian interplay between soloist and chorus was entertaining and engaging. Ms. Larmore closed the concert with a sublime set of Debussy songs and two lively opera selections: Carmen's *Habañera* and the rarely-heard *Entrance of Elizabeth I* from Rossini's *Elisabetta*, Regina d'Inghilterra.

Ms. Larmore is an inspiration to the current Westminster vocal students as to the possibilities in the professional opera and choral fields. She clearly has not forgotten her choral roots, and is comfortable in her role as a music leader as she works her way up the operatic ladder. If the rousing audience response to her concert on Wednesday night was any indication, she was no doubt a pleasure to have on the Westminster campus for the rest of the alumni activities.

— Nancy Plum

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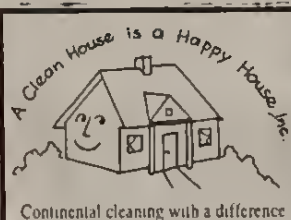


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A New Jersey native, Ms. Ian's three-decade career has been marked by original melodies and songwriting technique. She was introduced to classical and folk music as a child, playing the piano at age 2, the guitar at 10, and writing her first song, *Hair of Spun Gold*, at 12. Her career took flight with the release of her controversial song *Society's Child* when she was just 15. Her first album, *Janis Ian*, released the following year, earned her the first of nine Grammy nominations.

Three albums released in the 1970s continued to establish Ms. Ian in the music business. In the '80s, her album *Night Rains*, containing *Fly Too High*, brought her number one gold and platinum records in Australia, Holland, Africa, and England. After taking a break in the late '80s to study acting with Stella Adler, she re-emerged with *Breaking Silence* in 1993, *Revenge* in 1995, *Hunger* in 1997 and *God And The FBI* in 2000. In 2003 she became an author with the publication of an anthology titled *Stars: Stories Based on the Lyrics of Janis Ian*. The release of her 18th studio album, *Billie's Bones*, a mix of folk, jazz and blues, is an homage to her hero, Billie Holiday.

In addition to her musical work, Ms. Ian runs The Pearl Foundation, raising funds for college scholarships. She is

currently touring Europe, Japan, Australia, and the U.S.

Tickets are \$22 for Grounds For Sculpture members, \$27 for non-members. For reservations, call (609) 586-0616, ext. 20.

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Auditions Scheduled For "Bye Bye Birdie"

The Pennington Players will hold auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie* on Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. All roles are open.

The cast will include eight males and seven females in principal roles, plus a large ensemble. Auditioners should be at least 15 years of age, prepare a complete musical theater song, and be ready to move. They are also asked to bring sheet music or recorded, non-vocal accompaniment, photo, and resume.

Performance dates will be September 16 to 18 and 23 to 25 at the Kelsey Theatre.

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The answer in short is twofold: (1) to deal with the negative while not dwelling on it, and (2) to struggle to focus on what is genuinely positive in each day.

The first means facing whatever treatment regimen is offered, but not letting our pain swallow up every moment of every day in a morbid preoccupation with what has gone or could go wrong. Even if the decision is hospice care, why would you want to morbidly await death, sucking the pleasures from each day while awaiting the gloomy inevitable?

Instead, why not consider my second point of finding the subtle positives amidst the glaring negatives? So, while you would face your death, you would also want to live what remained of your life. Talking with family, holding their hands, accepting an embrace or kiss, allowing someone to feed or bathe you, feeling the warmth of a blanket, looking at a bird in flight outside your window, let alone a sunrise or sunset, these are all genuinely positive and give us pleasure amidst our pain.

Being realistic, you would accept the comfort care that some medicines provide, but you would not allow life to be reduced to waiting for your next pain pill. This is never easy, and needs to be a learned behavior, something that you practice now, not only to be ready when pain and suffering eventually cross your path, but also to squeeze today for the joy that it can yield and that you have probably long overlooked.

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BLUESMAN AT McCARTER: The folk-rock singer David Bromberg will lead his David Bromberg String Band in a performance tomorrow night, May 19 at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. A master of more than twelve instruments including the guitar, mandolin, violin, and banjo, Mr. Bromberg has performed with Jerry Garcia, George Harrison, and Bob Dylan, among others. He will be joined at McCarter by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, perhaps best known for "Ashokan Farewell," the theme for the PBS series "The Civil War." Also on the McCarter bill will be Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio. Tickets range from \$25, to \$33, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

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POP VOCALISTS: The Boston-based pop group Ball in the House, cited by Songwriter's Monthly for its "jaw-dropping a cappella brilliance," will perform at The Roger S. Berlind Theatre on Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. as part of a Young Audiences of New Jersey program series for school-age children and their families. Tickets are \$12.

A Cappella Pop Quintet To Perform at McCarter

Young Audiences of New Jersey, the state's largest provider of arts education programs, will present the second performance of its Family Series at The Roger S. Berlind Theatre on Saturday, June 4 with an 11 a.m. performance by the a cappella group Ball in the House. All seats for the program, designed for school-age children and their families, are \$12.

"The first performance in the series was such a success that we are looking forward to building on that with the amazing vocalists of Ball in the House," said Kristin Wenger, Young Audiences Executive Director. "For more than 30 years we have provided arts education programs to students throughout New Jersey. Now this partnership with McCarter Theatre allows us to reach families with high quality, affordable programs presented by the finest artists in the field today."

Five men make up the Boston-based pop group Ball in the House. The quintet's "jaw-dropping a cappella brilliance, top ten song-crafting skills, and genius arrangements have made Ball in the House one of the best bands around," said Songwriter's Monthly.

The third and final performance in the Family Series, on July 16 at 1 p.m., will feature the Cashore Marionettes. The storyteller David Gonzalez opened the series in February.

Tickets for Ball in the House may be purchased by calling McCarter Theatre at (609) 258-2787. For more information on Young Audiences of New Jersey, call (609) 243-9000 or visit www.yanjan.org.

Estonian composer Jaan Raats.

Dr. Rosen has centered his performance and outreach activities on little-known music of the 20th and 21st centuries, particularly music with a romantic sensibility and music from outside United States and European music centers. The host of the weekly radio program *Classical Discoveries* on WPRB-FM in Princeton, he has given many recitals, lectures, and radio performances in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. He has recorded the complete piano music of Alan Hovhaness.

The Westminster Conservatory of Music serves the central New Jersey area with on-campus and community-based instruction in piano, organ, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass, guitar, harp, and harpsichord. The community music school division of Westminster Choir College, it tailors lessons, workshops, and classes to the needs of the individual student.

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau will resume on September 15 with a program of piano duets performed by faculty members Miriam Eley and Esma Pasic-Filipovic.

Westminster to Present "Peter Pan: A New Musical"

The Actors Company, the resident theater company at Westminster Conservatory, will present *Peter Pan: A New Musical* this Thursday, May 19 through Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. in The Playhouse on Westminster's campus.

The world-premiere of the new musical production will be directed by Nathan Brewer, with musical direction by Beth Ertz from a script adapted from James M. Barrie's book, *Peter and Wendy*, and a score by William W. Brewer.

Nathan Brewer is the founder and artistic director of The Westminster Conservatory Actors Company. He teaches two courses in musical theater, and has directed productions of *Pippin*, *The Fantasticks*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Scrooge*, *Riders to the Sea*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, among others.

Originally founded as a student theater group at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, The Actors Company became the resident theater company of Westminster Conservatory in 2002. It has produced more

than a dozen productions at Westminster Choir College, Princeton University, and venues in New York City and Philadelphia. The company offers classes in improvisation, musical theater, Broadway dance, and acting for children and adults.

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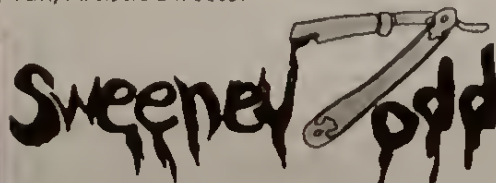
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Westminster at Nassau Season Ends Tomorrow

The third season of Westminster Conservatory at Nassau will conclude at 12:15 p.m. this Thursday, May 19, with a recital by Westminster Conservatory faculty member Marvin Rosen in the Niles Chapel of Nassau Presbyterian Church. The recital is open to the public without charge.

Dr. Rosen will perform recent compositions for solo piano, including *For and Near* by Belgian composer Boudewijn Buckinx, *Obscured Temptations* by Slovakian composer Peter Machajdik, *Merindu Boli* by Betty Beath of Australia, *Love Songs* by New Zealand's Gareth Farr, and *Four* by

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Every spring, the GPYO commissions an American composer for the premiere of a new work. Mr. Spears, a doctoral student at Princeton, will be cosponsored by GPYO and the Composers Guild of

New Jersey for his contemporary composition.



Jacob Fridkis

Mr. Fridkis, of Hopewell, will perform the Movement

Allegro Vivace, known as the "Khachaturian concerto," by A. Khachaturian (1903-1978), originally written for violin. Flutist Jean Pierre Rampal reworked the concerto and recorded it, creating a virtuoso piece for flute and orchestra.

Mr. Fridkis has been playing flute since he was seven years old. He currently participates in the Young Artist Program at Westminster Conservatory under flutist John McMurtery, and performs with a pianist and guitarist in two separate ensembles. He previously won Westminster's concerto competitions in 2001 and 2003, making this his third performance as a soloist at Richardson Auditorium. Later this spring he will tour Europe as flute soloist with the Westminster Youth Chamber Orchestra.

The program will also feature soprano Martha Elliot performing selections from *Lo Bohemie* and *The Barber of Seville*. Ms. Elliot, a Princeton University cum laude graduate, received her master's from Juilliard, and has taught at Princeton since 1985. She has performed with the ensemble Continuum in New York City, South America, Europe, Asia, and the U.S., with the Princeton University Orchestra in Europe, and with Princeton Pro Musica. Her new book, *Singing in Style: A Guide to Vocal Performance Practices*, will be published this fall by Yale University Press.

The concert will be the fourth annual Princeton Petroranella Sister City Foundation Spring Concert, which celebrates the "Association of Harmony" between the Foundation and the GPYO.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and are available through the Richardson box office and at the door. All seats are reserved. For information on group rates, call (609) 936-8700.



PRO MUSICA BENEFIT: Last Saturday evening John and Kimberlee Phelan hosted a benefit for Princeton Pro Musica. The piano Mr. Phelan is leaning on was once played by George Gershwin, whose songs were performed by soprano Rochelle Ellis.

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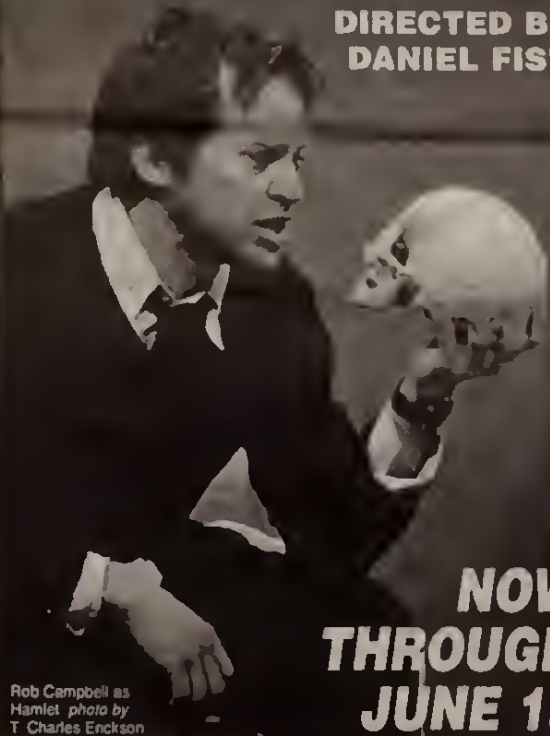
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CINEMA REVIEW

Unleashed

Morgan Freeman and Jet Li Make Strange Bedfellows in Messy Misadventure

When you put Morgan Freeman and Jet Li in the same movie, something's gotta give, given that these actors are generally cast as incompatible types of characters indicative of completely different genres. Typically, Morgan plays that melancholy, wise-beyond-his-years, old soul we've seen in such cerebral productions as *Million Dollar Baby* and *Driving Miss Daisy*. Jet, on the other hand, has let his fists and feet do the talking in an unending string of relatively superficial, martial arts flicks like *Kiss of the Dragon*, *Romeo Must Die* and *Cradle 2 the Grave*.



JET UNLEASHED: Jet Li doing what he does best in "Unleashed," which takes place not in Hong Kong but Glasgow, and is directed by Louis Leterrier, from a screenplay by Luc Besson.

Thus, the burning question about *Unleashed*, their current collaboration, was whether the picture would be an introspective mood piece or a high-octane alfair chock-full of gratuitous gore. The answer is that the end result was an unsatisfying compromise which features elements of both, though the film trades far more frequently in fight sequences than in tender Kodak moments. This is easy to understand when one considers that the movie was written by Luc Besson (*The Fifth Element*) and directed by Louis Leterrier (*The Transporter*), purveyors of a very violent brand of cinema. Thus, *Unleashed's* incessant bloodletting and high attrition-rate prevents the audience from taking its sensitive side seriously. The story is set in present-day Glasgow, Scotland, where, somehow, no one ever informed a

sadistic loan shark named Bart (Bob Hoskins) that the days of slavery ended eons ago. For he is the malevolent master of Danny (Li), a never-civilized attack human raised in a cage and trained to kill whenever he's let off his electronic leash. Bart uses his lethal human weapon both as a bodyguard and as an unbeatable entrant in fight-to-the-death contests staged in illegal, after-hours joints. Danny, stolen as a child, was told that he had been abandoned by his mother a prostitute. But then, what explains the mystical spell he falls under the lucky day he hears Sam (Freeman) playing Mozart's Sonata #7? With the help of his 18 year-old step-daughter, Victoria (Kerry Condon), Sam, a blind, widowed, piano repairman with a heart of gold, decides to take-in the abused savage and to make him his next reclamation project. Although this plotline might resemble that of a makeover movie, remember, it actually unfolds more like a Hong Kong chopsocky than *My Fair Lady*. Courtesy of some woefully-choreographed stunts, wave after wave of goons get smoked by Denny while he learns to appreciate classical music on his path to freedom, redemption and his roots. A most improbable, artless, ham-fisted, and irritating excuse to glorify senseless slaughter. Fair (★) Rating: R for profanity, sexuality, nudity, and graphic, gratuitous and gruesome violence. Running time: 103 minutes. Studio: Rogue Pictures.
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A Lot Like Love (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and nudity). Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet star in this romantic comedy as a couple who meet and mate on a flight from L.A. to N.Y. only to spend the next seven years trying to decide whether their relationship really ought to be platonic or intimate. With Kal Penn and Ali Larter.

Crash (R for sex, expletives, and violence). This slices-of-lives melodrama revolves around an assortment of social issues faced by an ethnically-diverse set of strangers who cross paths by chance in the wake of a car accident. Cast includes Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Brendan Fraser, Tony Danza, Thandie Newton, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito, Terence Howard, Ryan Phillippe, Ludacris, Keith David, Larenz Tate, Loretta Devine, and Nona Gaye.

Dawnfall (Unrated). Set in 1945, this World War II drama humanizes Hitler to present a sympathetic portrait of the Führer and his Nazi minions as the Allies closed in during the Third Reich's final days. In German and Russian with subtitles.

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Unrated). Comic documentary takes a close look at CEO Ken Lay and explores the story behind the collapse of his once high-flying company's stock.

Fever Pitch (PG-13 for crude humor, sexual humor, and sensuality). The Farrelly Brothers adapted this romantic comedy from the Nick Hornby novel of the same name about a die-hard Boston Red Sox fan (Jimmy Fallon) whose girlfriend (Drew Barrymore) has no idea what she's in for.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG for adult themes, action sequences, and mild epithets). Sci-fi adventure, adapted from the first in a popular series of five novels by the late Douglas Adams. Initial installment revolves around a guy (Martin Freeman) who stows away aboard a spaceship seconds before the Earth is blown to bits. Cast includes Mos Def, Zooey Deschanel, and John Malkovich.

House of Wax (R for sex, expletives, and horror violence). This remake of the Vincent Price 3-D, 1953, B&W classic stars Elisha Cuthbert and Paris Hilton as college coeds headed with friends to a football game who find trouble instead of help when their car breaks down in an abandoned, backwoods town with a creepy wax museum.

The Interpreter (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and violence). Academy Award-winner Sydney Pollack directs a couple of other Oscar-winners in a political potboiler about an FBI Agent (Sean Penn) assigned to protect a United Nations interpreter (Nicole Kidman) who overheard a death threat against the head of an African nation (Earl Cameron) only to become the target of the assassins as well.

Kicking & Screaming (PG for mature themes, mild epithets, and crude humor). Will Ferrell stars in this kiddie comedy as a dysfunctional soccer dad who coaches his 10 year-old son's team all the way to a showdown against the league favorites trained by his own overly competitive father (Robert Duvall).

Kingdom of Heaven (R for graphic scenes of epic warfare). Ridley Scott (Gladiator) directs this 12th century tale about the heroic exploits of a young peasant-turned-knight (Orlando Bloom), who joins the Crusades to defend Jerusalem from Muslim marauders, while also finding time to charm the besieged city's princess (Eva Green). With Liam Neeson, Jeremy Irons, Brendan Gleeson, and Eric Robison.

Ladies in Lavender (PG-13 for brief profanity). Dames Judi Dench and Maggie Smith share the title role in this costume drama, set in England in 1936, about a couple of spinster sisters living in seclusion in a seaside Cornish cottage whose peace and quiet is disturbed when a wounded Polish violinist floats in with the tide and triggers a round of sibling rivalry.

Look at Me (PG-13 for brief profanity and sexuality). This French farce, set in Paris' publishing industry, features an ensemble cast of seven characters whose love lives intersect in a curious fashion. In French with subtitles.

Mindhunters (R for sex, expletives, and graphic violence). Horror film about the ordeal of seven FBI psychological profile trainees forced to put their new skills to work prematurely because of a serial killer in their midst.

Monster-in-Law (PG-13 for expletives and sexual references). Jane Fonda makes a comeback in the title role of this romantic comedy as a snobby, shrewish socialite who tries to come between her son (Michael Vartan) and his dog-walker fiancée (Jennifer Lopez). Typecast J-Lo reprises same sort of underdog-after-rich-guy role she's played in *The Wedding Planner*, *Maid in Manhattan*, etcetera.

Sohoro (PG-13 for violence). Matthew McConaughey stars in this buried treasure adventure, based on the Clive Cussler novel of the same name, as an explorer who sets out for Africa in search of a long-lost Civil War battleship said to have sunk with a booty of priceless coins.

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13 for sci-fi violence and intense images). The curtain comes down on the prequel trilogy with this third installment which ends exactly where the original George Lucas adventure began. Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) must morph into Darth Vader and turn on Obi Wan-Kenobi (Ewan McGregor). Returning cast members include Natalie Portman and Samuel L. Jackson.

Unleashed (R for graphic violence, sexuality, profanity, and nudity). Jet Li stars in this martial arts adventure, set in Scotland, as a slave, raised by his master (Bob Hoskins) as a lethal fighting machine, who gets in touch with his sensitive side through music lessons from a blind piano tuner (Morgan Freeman).

The Upside of Anger (R for profanity, drug use, violence, and sexual situations). Joan Allen stars in this family drama as a just-dumped suburban housewife whose husband has abandoned her and his four daughters for his secretary. Lucky for mom, along comes a handsome, retired baseball star (Kevin Costner) offering a shoulder to lean on.

Winter Solstice (R for profanity). Anthony LaPaglia stars in this dysfunctional family drama, set in New Jersey, about a grieving widower trying to deal with one son's (Mark Webber) self-destructive behavior and his other one's (Aaron Stanford) decision to move to Miami.

xXx: State of the Union (PG-13 for profanity and intense violence). Ice Cube replaces Vin Diesel as the 007-style hero of this action-oriented sequel about a renegade secret agent assigned to thwart a conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. government. With Samuel L. Jackson as his apoplectic boss and Willem Dafoe as the diabolical villain.

—Kam Williams

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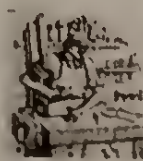
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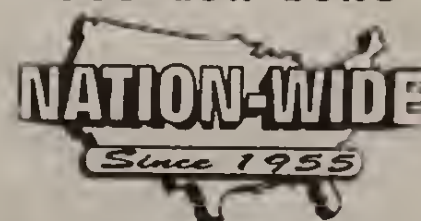
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Princeton Women's Lax Edged by No.1 Northwestern Falling in NCAA Quarters for the First Time Since '99

Chris Sailer couldn't stop smiling as she assessed the effort put forth by her Princeton University women's lacrosse team in its rousing win over Maryland last Thursday in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I'm incredibly proud of our team and how they came out and performed today," said coach Sailer, reflecting on her team's 16-8 whipping of the visiting Terps which came just eight days after Princeton had fallen 13-12 in four overtimes at Maryland.

"We really wanted to get to the next round and we just came out and played really hard. Come tournament time, we are a team that just kicks it up a notch."

That win earned eighth-seeded Princeton a trip to Chicago to face top-ranked and top-seeded Northwestern last Sunday. With a chance to earn its sixth straight trip to the Final Four, Princeton misfired as it fell 8-6 to the undefeated Wildcats before a crowd of 1,200 at the

Thomas Sports Complex.

A subdued Sailer was at a loss to explain how things went so awry just 72 hours after the sterling performance against Maryland. "It was unfortunate, I would say it was not our best performance," acknowledged Sailer, whose team finished with a 13-5 record.

"They definitely worked harder on the field than we did. We didn't bring our best effort; I'm dumbfounded by that. If we had played with half the passion, energy, and intensity that we showed against Maryland, we would have been OK. We were an entirely different team and I don't know why."

Straying from the friendly confines of the Class of 1952 Stadium where Princeton had won nine straight NCAA tourney games may have played a role in Princeton's struggles.

"The travel takes a little bit out of you," said Sailer, who got two goals apiece from seniors Lindsey Biles and Ingrid Goldberg in what turned out to be their final Princeton appearances. "I think we left the field with regrets and that isn't the way you want to end a season."

The combination of Northwestern's defense and its patient offensive approach also were key factors in Princeton's demise. "They did a good job defensively on me and the other players," noted Biles in assessing a day in which Princeton committed 19 turnovers and mustered just 13 shots, nearly 15 less than their season average. "But I feel like we really didn't have enough possession of the ball during the game."

Sailer admitted that the Tigers really never got on a roll this spring like they had in recent seasons. "We did some very good things and had some good performances," said Sailer.

"We never caught that wave; we were inconsistent. We did get better defensively and our offense had its moments. We were definitely young and we had some growing pains. If the season had ended better, maybe we could feel more



END OF THE RUN: Princeton University star attacker Lindsey Biles tries to elude a Maryland attacker on her way to four goals in the Tigers' 16-8 win over the Terps last Thursday in the NCAA tournament. On Sunday, Biles scored two goals but it was not enough as Princeton fell 8-6 at Northwestern in the NCAA quarters. The loss marked the first time since 1999 that Princeton didn't advance to the NCAA Final Four. Biles, the 2005 Ivy League Co-Player of the Year, ended her career second in program history in goals (175) and points (221).

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CATFIGHT: Princeton University junior defender Lauren Vance clears the ball last Thursday in Princeton's 16-8 win over visiting Maryland in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Last Sunday, the eighth-seeded Tigers fell 8-6 to top-ranked and top-seeded Northwestern in the NCAA quarters. The loss to the undefeated Wildcats left Princeton with a final record of 13-5.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

positive."

The players may have subconsciously assumed that they would waltz into the Final Four because that is all they had known in their careers.

"It was a great run," said Sailer, whose program took national crowns in 2002 and 2003. "Maybe Sunday will reinforce that such success isn't a given. When you've been at that level, it's easy to expect that to happen. The players here now don't know the struggles and the hard work put in by those who came before them. I hope it will make us appreciate the work that goes into this. We didn't always take care of the little things this year."

The veteran head coach, who has now completed 19 seasons at the helm of the Tiger program, appreciates what departing senior stars Elizabeth Pillion and Lindsey Biles have given to the program.

Pillion, a fiery and speedy midfielder, ended her career with 150 points on 104 goals and 46 assists. She was named as an All-Ivy performer three times and will likely earn All-American recognition for a third time when those selections are announced later this month.

Biles, a gifted attacker, ended her

tenure second in program history in goals (175) and points (221). She was the 2005 Ivy Co-Player of the Year and earned All-Ivy recognition three times in her career. She was a first-team All-American last season and should garner the same honor this spring.

"If every player would come on the field with the heart and intensity that Pillion shows, we would win the national championship every year," said Sailer, noting that Pillion's struggle with a late-season hamstring injury hampered Princeton in the loss to Northwestern.

"Lindsey has had consistent numbers all the way through. She didn't have the most experienced supporting cast around her and she still had big numbers this year. She is so quick and has such good hands."

While Princeton will miss Pillion and Biles next year, Sailer hopes the team can gain some valuable lessons from how this spring ended.

"I hope we can learn from this," said Sailer. "I think that we have had so much success that this is part of the cycle. You need to experience disappointment to make you work harder and realize what it takes to be at that level." — Bill Alden

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Finley Writing Dream Ending to College Career, Leading Princeton Softball into NCAA Regional

Melissa Finley produced a dream season for the Princeton University softball team in 2003 as a sophomore.

The London, Ontario native hit .414, pounded out a school-record 12 homers and went 7-5 on the mound to lead the Tigers to their second straight Ivy League title and earn the Ivy Player of the Year award.

Last spring, though, turned into a bit of nightmare for the outfielder as her batting average dropped to .315, her homer total slipped to eight, and, most upsetting, Princeton ended up in the middle of the Ivy pack.

Determined to go out with a bang, Finley has recaptured some of the magic of 2003 by hitting .321 with six homers and 24 RBIs to help spark Princeton to the Ivy crown.

This weekend, Finley will achieve her dream of ending her career by competing with the Tigers in the NCAA tournament.

Princeton, currently 35-18 on the season, begins post-season play by facing Oklahoma State (33-22) this Friday in the Tucson regional which also includes Arizona (39-10) and Lehigh (41-8).

The survivor of the double-elimination competition advances to a Super Regional for a best-of-three series against one of the other 15 regional winners.

For Finley and her teammates, advancing in the regional is the product of an effort that started last winter in their practice site in the bowels of Jadwin Gym.

"There was definitely a hun-

ger in the off-season, there was no messing around," said Finley, who was recently named to the first-team All-Ivy team, making her a four-time all-league performer.

"We had a goal and we weren't willing to sacrifice it for anything. We started out great last year and we thought we could just coast through the rest of the season."

With other Tigers like Erin Snyder, Cristina Cobb-Adams, Amanda Erickson and Beth Dalmuth sharing the offensive load, Finley hasn't had to duplicate the feats of her sophomore campaign.

"At the time, I thought I could do better," explained Finley. "Now looking back, I realize how lucky I was to keep my hat going the whole season. It's been so much easier this year with everybody stepping in and stepping up. I haven't had that same chest tightening like in the past."

Princeton head coach Maureen Barron thinks that having more offensive depth and relieving Finley of pitching responsibility has loosened her senior star this spring.

"I think last year so much pressure was put on Finley," said Barron. "This year it was nice for her to not have to carry the team on her back. She has had a great season. She has really stabilized the outfield for us."

Finley also provides stability offensively in clutch situations. "She is a player you definitely want at the plate in a pressure situation," said Barron of Finley, who holds the program record with 35 homers and ranks third in RBIs with 119.

"You can see by the look in her eyes that she has the confidence."

The arrival of Finley triggered a new confidence throughout the program. "She was in my first recruiting class," recalled Barron, whose other key senior is catcher Ty Ries. "That class really came in and set the tone for what I hope is the future of the program. They came in with a desire to win. They said we're going to do this and they did."

The Tigers have that winning desire as they head into the NCAA, looking to get beyond the first round for the first time since 1996. They point to their 2-0 win over fifth-ranked Stanford earlier this spring as evidence that they can beat anybody.

"If we play the way we are capable of, we can beat anybody," said Barron, noting that she has received tremendous pitching all season from Snyder, the Ivy League Pitcher of the Year with a 16-4 record, and precocious freshman Kristen Schaus, the Ivy Rookie of the Year with a 14-8 mark. "In the win over Stanford, we had all parts of our game going."

Princeton, which hasn't played since sweeping a doubleheader from Rider on April 30, has had time to fine tune things for the challenges ahead.

"We have been going live against our own pitching in practice," said Barron, whose two top pitchers Snyder and Schaus have a combined ERA of 1.31.

"We have great pitching so it's nice to do that. The girls



PEP RALLY: Members of the Princeton University softball team celebrate an extra inning win over Columbia earlier this season. The Tigers, who won the Ivy League crown this year for the third time in four seasons, head out to Tucson, Ariz. this weekend for the NCAA Regionals.

(Photo by Bill Allen)

are excited to be at practice, they're chomping at the bit to get back on the field. We have the potential to surprise people and go further than in the past."

Finley, for her part, believes the Tigers are prepared to spring some surprises. "I feel like we are really focused right now," said Finley. "It's like we're back in preseason where we go back to basics. We are focused on the little things we need to do. I'm glad we're able to have this opportunity."

The NCAA tournament, though, won't be Finley's last softball opportunity as she'll

be joining Team Canada in early June.

"I'll be playing in the Pacific Rim tournament in San Diego," said Finley, an economics major who has received a job offer from a financial company in her hometown. "I leave the day after graduation and it goes for two weeks. If I do OK they might keep me around for a couple of months."

If Finley performs anything like she has during her dream college career, she might have a lengthy stay on the national team.

—Bill Alden

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SAFE HARBOR: Princeton University senior star Melissa Finley slides safely into second in action earlier this spring. Finley hit .321 with six homers and 24 RBIs in getting named to the All-Ivy team for the fourth year in a row. The London, Ontario native holds the program record for homers with 35 and stands third in RBIs with 119. Finley caps her stellar career by leading Princeton, currently 35-18, into the NCAA Regionals this weekend at Tucson, Ariz.

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letic credentials. They are under enormous pressure to succeed athletically and academically. They want to excel and they are used to excelling."

The Tigers will need to draw heavily on that quality later this week when they head to Stanford, Calif. to compete in the NCAA West Regional from May 19-21. Princeton is seeded 26th of

the 27 schools at the regional. The teams that finish in the top 10 will advance to the NCAA championship final which will be held at Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, Md. from June 1-4.

Princeton, which coasted to a 31-stroke victory at the Ivy League Championships in mid-April, heads into the regional feeling it has nothing to lose.

"We don't have to play perfect golf," asserted Green, whose club placed 26th in the 2004 Central Regional. "This is the most talented team I've had since I've been here and probably the most talented Princeton team in the last 20 years. When we stand on the first tee, we won't be intimidated. Everyone on the team is capable of shooting under par. We're just going to play and have fun."

Princeton will be relying on senior star Creighton Page, who had plenty fun at the Ivy tournament as he placed first in the individual standings.

"He and I have been talking about for a year about him not having won a college tournament," recalled Green, in assessing Page's win which saw him card a six-under par 210.

"He had been eyeing that for a while and he was at the top of his game. I think he made only three bogeys the whole time. He's a unique individual. He likes to play rather than bang balls on the driving range. With him, it's more about being in the right frame of mind as much as the golf swing."

The Tigers, though, are not a one-man team by any means. "Our team is seven players, they are as close as seven people could be," said Green, whose other key players include juniors Jesse Dixon and Jason Gerken and together with sophomores Brent Herlihy and John Sawin. "It's a community effort which is unusual in a sport like golf. They all get along and support each other. I feel comfortable putting any of our seven players out there in any order."

Green is more than comfortable with the current state of the Princeton program. "We couldn't be happier with the position we are in and the level of our success," said Green. "It has allowed us to attract a higher quality of player. We have guys who graduated recently who we probably wouldn't recruit now. We can go after top-100 players."

As a result, Princeton is looking to increase its profile nationally. "The way we want to go now is to not only have success in the Ivy League but to take a step on the national level," asserted Green. "If we could get out of the region, that would be historic, just an unbelievable achievement."

With its group of over-achievers, such an accomplishment would be par for the course for these Tigers.

—Bill Alden

Tiger Women's Golf Showed It Belonged By Placing 12th at NCAA East Regional

When the Princeton University women's golf team looked at its competition at the 2004 NCAA Central Regional, it thought it could be in over its head as it faced some of the elite teams in the sport.

The Tigers, who finished 19th at 2004 Regional, had no such doubts last week as they played in the 2005 East Regional in Gainesville, Fla.

Late in the first round of the competition, Princeton was tied with top-ranked Duke and national power Pepperdine. The Tigers shot rounds of 302 and 300 to stand in 11th, heading into the third and final round of the competition.

Needing to move up three spots in order to advance the NCAA Championships, Princeton shot a 309 to finish 12th and end its season.

In reflecting on his team's effort, Princeton coach Eric Stein said that his players weren't intimidated despite being seeded 17th in the regional.

"In our meeting before the regional, Sharla Cloutier said that last when we went to Illinois State, we didn't know if we belonged," recalled Stein, whose top individual performer at the regional was senior Avery Kiser with a score of 224 (14-over) to tie for 28th. "This year, we felt that we belonged. We had played against some of the teams in the regional and we had beaten them."

Sophomore Cloutier was Princeton's next finisher, carding a 227 to tie for 38th. Senior Meg Nakamura was 51st with a score of 229 while Annika Welander shot a 237 to tie for 81st and Taryn Haladay came in 84th with a score of 228.

The Tigers' task was made

finish was the highest in recent memory for a school from the northeast.

"The coach from South Carolina came up and told me that she told her players to enjoy playing with the Princeton players because they were a pleasure. We were the only team there without athletic scholarships."

Even though Princeton is losing the senior trio of Kiser, Nakamura, and Haladay, Stein believes the program can do even better in the future against the powers of college golf.

"We've got some good golfers coming in who have outstanding records in junior play," asserted Stein, who has been coaching the Tiger women's program since 1991.

"We have players coming back with experience and a taste of wanting more. We will have an ambitious schedule. We will hit the road and take the team to some big tournaments. They have the confidence that they can get to the next level."

— Bill Alden

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CHIPPING AWAY: Princeton University senior golfer Creighton Page displays his chipping form in a practice session earlier this season. Page recently won the Ivy League individual title to help Princeton to its fifth team crown in six years. Page and his teammates will be looking to keep in form as they compete in the NCAA West Regional from May 19-21 in Stanford, Calif.

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Tiger Heavyweight Crew Nipped at Easterns But Narrows the Gap to No. 1 Harvard Boat

In mid-April, the Princeton University men's heavyweight crew brought an undefeated record and a No. 1 ranking into a showdown with two-time national champion Harvard on Lake Carnegie.

That day, Princeton wasn't up to the challenge as the proud Crimson cruised to victory, beating the Tigers by more than six seconds on the latter's home course.

In the rematch last Sunday at the Eastern Sprints at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass., Princeton nearly made up all of that margin as it fell by just 1.1 seconds to Harvard as the two rivals finished one-two in the First Varsity Grand Final. The Crimson clocked a course-record 5:29.5 with the Tigers covering the course in 5:30.6.

The narrow loss left Princeton head coach Curtis Jordan with mixed emotions. "It was

a great race between two great crews," said Jordan. "It was difficult to come out of the water on the short end of that. I think everyone was disappointed even though it was a great effort."

In Jordan's view, the earlier loss to the Crimson laid the groundwork for the improvement shown Sunday. "After the first race, we knew we had to make serious changes in the way we trained and the way we executed that training," explained Jordan.

"We needed to show more maturity and patience. We were too immature and emotional in the first race. We went out too hard at the start. We were trying to do too much, too soon."

With the boats likely to meet up in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) national championships in the first

weekend of June on Cooper River in Camden, Princeton will be primed for a third shot at its nemesis.

"We have two and a half weeks to get ready," added Jordan. "It's a serious project. You need to do what you do best and not worry about the other boats. If you execute what you need to do, you will get the right outcome."


While Princeton may have lost the featured battle last Sunday, it did win the war at the Easterns by earning the Rowe Cup which goes to the overall points winner based on the results in all of the finals.

"It's meaningful," asserted Jordan in reflecting on the trophy which Harvard had won the last two years. "At the beginning of the season we talk about developing strength and depth. When you walk away with that trophy, you know you have succeeded."

The freshman and the second varsity (who both took second) were the real champions on Sunday."

The program's overall performance bodes well for the future. "We have everything that a good team has," added Jordan. "We have high level competition on a daily basis and we have a lot of support."

Now the program's top boat just needs to speed up another second or so and they could be in the running for a national title. — Bill Alden



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POOL LEADER: Princeton University water polo coach Luis Nicolao makes a point in a men's match last fall. Last week, Nicolao was named as the National Coach of the Year by the American Water Polo Coaches Association. Nicolao is the first-ever recipient of the award. Last fall, he guided the Princeton men's water polo team to a program record of 25 wins and the squad's first appearance in the NCAA championships since 1992.

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Tiger Track Teams Struggle at IC4As

The Princeton track program found itself out of the money last weekend as it hosted the IC4A Track and Field Championships.

In the men's meet, the Tigers placed 11th in the team competition which was won by Rutgers. Princeton's major highlight at the meet was provided by its 4 x 400 relay team which finished second. Other standout efforts were produced by Josh Probst, who was third in the javelin, and Frank Macreery, the fourth-place finisher in the 5,000-meter run.

As for the Princeton women, Meredith Lambert was the big story as she won the 5,000 with a time of 16:43.07. Other standouts included Cack Ferrell, who was third in the 1,500, and Caroline Mullen, the fifth-place finisher in the 3,000. The Tigers placed 12th in the team competition which was won by Pitt.

Princeton Crews Falter At Eastern Sprints

Princeton University rowers found the going tough at last weekend's Eastern Sprints.

The top-ranked Princeton women's open crew suffered its first loss of the year as it was stunned by Yale in the Grand Final Yale covered the course at Cooper River in Camden in 6:15.60, edging

Princeton which clocked a time of 6:18.00.

It was also a hard day for the Tiger women's lightweight crew which fell to Wisconsin in the Grand Final by nearly five seconds. The Badgers clocked a time of 6:35, easily beating the Tigers, who came in at 6:39.70.

The Princeton men's top lightweight boat failed to qualify for the Grand Final and ended up placing third in the Petite Final.

Princeton Men's Lax Earns All-Ivy Honors

Princeton freshman star Dan Coccoziello last week became the first defender to be named as the Ivy League Rookie of the Year.

Coccoziello, who was named to the Honorable Mention All-Ivy team, was one of seven Tigers to be honored by the league. Senior defender Oliver Barry earned first-team All-Ivy recognition while sophomore attacker Peter Trombino and midfielder Scott Sowanick were named to the second team.

Seniors Jason Doneger and Tim Sullivan together with sophomore Mike Gaudio were honorable mention picks.

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Sparked by Sweetland's Deadly Shooting, Stuart Lax Nips Pennington to Win Prep B

Earlier this spring, Stuart Country Day attacker Mary Jane Sweetland developed a penchant for shooting high and wide.

Dedicating herself to being smarter with her shot, Sweetland became more selective as the spring went on and started finding the range on a consistent basis.

Last Sunday, Sweetland put on a sharpshooting display when it counted most as she fired in four goals, including

the game-winner, to help Stuart edge Pennington 9-8 in the state Prep B championship game.

As she reflected on her stellar effort, Sweetland asserted that she resolved to turn things around personally in the wake of Stuart's 16-5 loss to Princeton Day School in late April.

"I felt that was a turning point in my season," declared Sweetland, referring to the PDS defeat.

"That's when I started becoming a leader on attack. I started setting the plays and looking for passes. I think our attack has progressed from that point. We've improved every game we've played."

With Stuart having lost to Pennington in last year's Prep B semis and 9-8 in an early season game this April, Sweetland and her teammates were fired up to show the Red Raiders how potent their attack had become.

"We were psyched," said Sweetland, who scored two first half goals to help Stuart build a 5-3 halftime lead in the game which drew a large crowd at Pennington.

"After we beat Morristown-Beard in the semis, we knew this is what we wanted to do. We worked so hard to get here. We really knew what we wanted to do and how we had to accomplish it."

Sweetland, for her part, knew exactly what she wanted to do with the ball. "I was so excited," added Sweetland, who had to come out of the game late in the first half due to cramps caused by the sultry 80 degree day. "I was trying to be smart about my shots; I was trying not to miss the cage."

Pennington put the heat on Stuart as it fought back from a 9-5 deficit with 9:00 left to turn the game into a one-goal cliffhanger.

Sweetland, whose final goal of the game provided the margin of victory, acknowledged that the Red Raiders put a scare into the Tartans.

"They really came back," said Sweetland, with a bead of sweat rolling down her forehead.

"I just wanted the edge on that last goal. I got knocked down but I wanted to get back up on my horse. I have

more confidence in my game."

A beaming Stuart head coach Sara Wagner had plenty of confidence in her team due to the work ethic it showed down the stretch.

"I'm very happy for this team because they just wanted this so badly and worked so hard," asserted Wagner, whose team won seven of its last nine games to finish with a 10-8 record and win the program's first Prep B title since 2000. "The practices have been hard and they have been sponges, absorbing everything we gave to them."

One of the team's most eager learners was Sweetland. "She's been so intense at practice," said Wagner, referring to Sweetland, who scored 30 goals on the season.

"She's made her game three times better than what it was the last time we played Pennington. At the beginning of the year, she would get the ball and think I've got to score. As the season's gone on, she's worked for her shot. She's improved her shot selection. That's made a big difference because it controls the whole attack."

Another offensive player making a big difference for Stuart was sophomore midfielder Kelly Bruvik, who scored four goals in the title game.

Stuart's defense also made a pivotal contribution Sunday as it made some tactical switches in order to control Pennington's offensive stars, Andrea Piccariello and Kylee Rossi.

"We came into today with a game plan," explained Wagner, who got 19 saves from goalie Nina Szemis, many of

them on point-blank shots.

"We put Annie Crawford Roberts on Pic and she did an excellent job. We worked on forcing Rossi wide. Nina just came up huge. She made so many big saves."

Like Sweetland, Wagner saw the loss to PDS as the wake-up call that got her team rolling on a championship track.

"We did see a difference after that," said Wagner, referring to the PDS defeat. "I also think the games got a little easier after that which helped us put things together and develop confidence. I yelled at them and put some fire into them."

Sweetland, for her part, thought the team showed a

collective fire as it overcame its nemesis last Sunday. "I think everyone worked hard," said Sweetland. "I think everyone stepped up and played to their abilities today."

No Stuart player, however, stepped more Sunday than the sharpshooting Sweetland.

—Bill Alden

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GREEN DAY: Stuart Country Day sophomore midfielder Kelly Bruvik streaks down the field in recent action. Bruvik fired in four goals last Sunday as the Tartans nipped Pennington 9-8 to win the Prep B title. Stuart finished 10-8 in winning its first Prep B crown since 2000.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



SWEET SPOT: Stuart Country Day School junior attacker Mary Jane Sweetland heads toward goal earlier this spring. Last Sunday, Sweetland fired in four goals, including the game winner, to help lead Stuart to a 9-8 victory over Pennington in the state Prep B championship game.

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Stein Triumphs in Decisive Match As PDS Boys' Tennis Wins Prep B

Coming into the final session of the state Prep B boys' tennis tournament last Monday, Princeton Day School led in the team standings but the title was hardly a done deal.

"There was a lot of energy in the air, the outcome was in doubt," recalled PDS head coach Rome Campbell. "We knew we needed a split in singles and a split in doubles to win the title."

Entering the finals at Pingry, PDS had Dave Holland alive at first singles, Seth Stein at third singles together with the first doubles pair of Sanjeev Sharma and Bo Marshall and the second doubles duo of Neil Sharma and John Murphy.

The Panthers earned the split they needed as Sharma and Marshall prevailed and then Stein won a three-setter in the final match of the day to clinch the title. PDS ended up with 11 points in the team standings, edging four-time defending state champ Rutgers Prep by one point.

"There were a lot of question marks," asserted Campbell, the longtime coach whose program's last Prep title came in 1999. "Our boys answered those question marks with wins. I think it was the most exciting prep championship we've had."

The drama started early

when PDS fell into a tie for first with Rutgers Prep in the wake of a straight set loss at second doubles. The first doubles pair of Marshall and Sharma came through, topping Max Dixon and Elliot Feldman of Rutgers Prep 7-6, 6-2.

"Bo and Sanjeev took care of business," said Campbell. "They were down 3-0 and 5-2 in that first set. They rallied to win it in a tiebreaker."

In Campbell's view, the development of that duo into champions was the result of their complementary styles. "Sanjeev gives the team strength in the volley at the net," explained Campbell. "Bo gives the big forehand from the baseline and the powerful serve."

Marshall, who placed second last year in third singles at the Prep B tournament, had to make sacrifices in order for the team to click. "Bo wasn't happy to move to doubles but he decided to make the best of the situation," said Campbell. "He realized the importance of doubles to the team. It's about us and not one person and he accepted it."

Stein also gave his all for the team. After Dave Holland fell in 7-5, 6-4 to undefeated Saddle River star Peter Luck, PDS' chances rested on Stein's shoulders.

"Seth really battled," said Campbell of his big-serving junior who pulled out a 7-6, 1-6, 6-4 win over Mike Balanovsky of Saddle River. "In the semis the day before, he had played a three-setter against a really good player in Max Bevan of Mo-Beard. He hung in there today. He was the hero, taking the decisive match."

For Campbell, the seeds for the teams title were sown by its tie for second at the Mercer County Tournament in late April. "The MCT was a big step for us," said Campbell, whose club went 13-3 in dual matches this spring. "It gave us the confidence that we

could be a team to be reckoned with. The boys remained confident they could take the next step at the preps."

With a title under its belt and the bulk of the team slated to return, PDS is confident it can be even more of a force next season.

"Next year, we will have four seniors, a junior and a sophomore," said Campbell, who is only losing second singles player Vik Gupta to graduation. "We will be a very serious team. We will strengthen our schedule and take on more good programs. That will make us even stronger."

— Bill Alden



SERVING UP A WINNER: Princeton Day School junior star Seth Stein blasts a serve last month at the Mercer County Tournament. Last Monday, Stein won the Prep B title at third singles in what turned out to be the decisive match as PDS took the Prep B team championship. It was the Panthers' first team title since 1999. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



KNUCKLING DOWN: Princeton Day School sophomore pitcher Bam Miller delivers a knuckleball in action earlier this spring. Last Wednesday, Miller pitched five shutout innings to help PDS blanked Montclair Kimberley 5-0 in the state Prep B semifinals. The victory advanced the Panthers to the championship game against Newark Academy which was slated to be played on May 17 at Yogi Berra Stadium in Montclair. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Baseball Jells at the Right Time In Advancing to Prep B Title Game

Playing a schedule packed with challenging foes, the Princeton Day School baseball team took its share of lumps in the early going.

But with a line-up featuring a corps of freshmen and sophomore, PDS head coach Bruce Devlin wasn't fazed by his team's slow start that saw it go 3-6 in its first nine games.

"We have a very young team that has gotten experience," said Devlin. "We play Prep A teams like Hun, Peddie, and Blair and public school teams like Steinert. It has helped us out in the long run."

Devlin urged his younger players to use games like that as baseball seminars. "I tell the younger players to watch the older players at their position," explained Devlin. "I told them that's how you get better."

Devlin's team apparently soaked in those lessons as it came of age in the state Prep B tournament as it advanced to the championship game against Newark Academy which was slated to be played on May 17 at Yogi Berra Stadium in Montclair.

In assessing his team's tournament run, Devlin said it came down to executing the fundamentals. "Our pitching has been outstanding," asserted Devlin, whose club entered the championship game with an 8-10 record. "We've gotten timely fielding and we've been making good plays in the field."

In the Prep B quarterfinals against recent nemesis Pennington on May 9, it was PDS' bats that made the noise as the Panthers posted a 7-6 win and bested Red Raider ace Dylan Via Cava, who had beaten them three straight times over the last two seasons.

In the win over Pennington, PDS got two homers from junior outfielder Drew Godwin and one from junior first baseman Andrew Davidson.

"I put Drew down in the ninth spot because he had been struggling a little bit recently," said Devlin in assessing his team's power surge.

"He relaxed and came up with two homers. Davidson

leading off has been a spark. He's been on fire, the baseball looks like a beachball to him."

Two days later, it was the Panther pitching that was the story as PDS blanked Montclair Kimberley 5-0 in the Prep B semis.

Sophomore Bam Miller went five strong innings in getting the win with classmate Logan Laughlin shutting the door in two innings of relief.

"Miller broke his ankle five weeks ago and the Pennington game was his first game back," said Devlin. "He gave us five really good innings against Montclair. Logan came in and really shut them down."

In Devlin's view, his club's late-season surge is the result of contributions throughout the lineup.

The Panthers' trio of seniors, Dan O'Brien, Colin Johnson, and Charlie Bird, have played key roles in the team's revival.

"Dan O'Brien has pitched great for us, his record might only be 3-5 but he's gone against the best teams we play," maintained Devlin.

"He had a hitting slump but he's come out of it and now he is hitting around .400. We moved Colin to second base about eight games ago and he's done a good job. Charlie Bird has played left field and he's been a very consistent hitter for us."

Younger players like freshmen Clint O'Brien and Jordan Mickens together with junior Logan Laughlin have also been major contributors.

"Clint O'Brien has done an outstanding job for us," added Devlin, referring to the freshman star who was the starting quarterback for the PDS football team this past fall.

"We moved him from sixth in the lineup to third. Logan has helped behind the plate as our catcher and on the mound. Jordan Mickens has played third base and been a designated hitter and he's done a great job."

The team's improvement into Prep B finalists has made it a memorable spring for Devlin. "It's been a great experience," said Devlin. "It's a matter of a young team jelling at the right time."

— Bill Alden



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Rick Ankiel is the latest in a short list of players who have tried to convert from pitchers to hitters during their careers. USA Today's high school player of the year in 1997 and a rookie sensation for St. Louis in 2000, Ankiel suffered a control meltdown in the playoffs that year and never regained his command. With the notable exception of Babe Ruth, not

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PHS Baseball Plays Hard to the End As it Just Misses States, MCT Final

It was the top of the sixth inning last Wednesday at Valley Road Field and the Princeton High baseball team trailed powerful Steinert by nine runs.

A Steinert batter boomed a shot to center field that appeared to be uncatchable. Rather than taking it easy in a game that looked out of reach, PHS outfielders Rob Begin and Matt Walters took off on the dead run to track the ball down.

Unfortunately, Begin and Walters collided at full speed and the shot turned into an easy homer for the Spartans.

The two PHS players sat stunned on the field, with Begin eventually getting bandaged for a gash on the bridge of his nose and Walters sustaining a concussion.

The Little Tigers entered the bottom of the inning down 13-1 and fought to keep the game from ending due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Shortstop Anthony Bernazard led off the inning with a double and he was driven in by a Jon Lauri single. The

PHS rally ended when Lauri was thrown out at the plate. In the view of PHS head coach John Miranda, his club's performance in the sixth inning spoke volumes about how his team has battled as it reached the Mercer County Tournament semifinals and fell just one win short of qualifying for the state tournament.

"These guys have a fighting spirit, they are very competitive," said Miranda, whose 13th-seeded club fell 3-1 to top-seeded Notre Dame last Saturday night in the MCT semis.

"We don't always play well but we always play hard. At the end of this game, we were still putting the pressure on them. The guys don't give up, they were still pushing the envelope at the very end there."

The Little Tigers showed plenty of grit as they shook off nagging injuries and a grueling schedule to keep in the running for the state tournament berth and the MCT title. Their marathon week

started with a 6-5 loss at Allentown on May 9 which saw the tying run cut down at the plate. A day later, Begin led the way to a 9-2 as he got the win on the mound and went 2-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs at the plate.

PHS rebounded from the loss to Steinert but shocking crosstown rival Hun 12-3 in the MCT quarters. Senior Jake Horan went the distance on the mound, striking out five and giving up just five hits in getting the win. Bernazard sparked the offense going 3-for-4 with three runs scored and an RBI.

The win improved PHS improved to 9-10, meaning that it needed a win on Friday against Freehold to make the .500 record required to qualify for the state tournament. Unfortunately with Freehold chasing the same goal, PHS fell short as it dropped an 11-1 decision.

Miranda acknowledged that his team was feeling the effects of the late-season grind. "They are tired," said Miranda.

"We have some guys banged up. The shortstop [Bernazard] has a bad hamstring, the first baseman [Horan] is hurt and the third baseman [Colin Serafin] couldn't play on Monday because of a bad back. These guys are tough, they are grinding it out."

In Miranda's view, his corps of seniors has supplied much of the team's intensity. "The seniors have really been the catalysts," asserted Miranda, whose corps of seniors included Begin, Horan, Bernazard, and Lauri. "They have played great baseball. They have never been to the state tournament and going after that has given them more energy."

Although PHS may have fallen short of its goal of making the states, Miranda was proud of his club has accomplished in more than quadrupling last season's win total of two.

"It's been a positive year," said Miranda, whose club moved to 9-13 after a 13-3 loss to Nottingham last Monday. "We have made so many strides compared to last year." — Bill Alden

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MAKING STRIDES: Princeton High third baseman Colin Serafin goes for an extra base in PHS' 12-3 win over Hun last Thursday in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) quarterfinals. The Little Tigers fell 3-1 to Notre Dame last Saturday to get eliminated from the MCT. PHS narrowly missed making the state tournament as it posted a 9-11 mark as of May 13, one win short of the .500 record needed to qualify. The Little Tigers' win total of nine more than quadruples the two victories posted by the program in 2004.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



RALLY TIME: Princeton High senior star Anthony Bernazard (No. 2) accepts congratulations from his teammates after pounding out a bit hit in the Little Tigers' 12-3 victory over Hun last Thursday in the MCT quarters. Bernazard sparked the offense in the win, going 3-for-4 with three runs scored and an RBI. PHS' bid for the MCT title was derailed by a 3-1 loss to Notre Dame last Saturday.

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Hun Softball Wins Lawrenceville Marathon But Comes Up Short In Prep A Title Game

When Emily Rosenthal was hit with mono before the spring, the Hun School pitching ace knew she was in for a bumpy spring.

Sidelined during preseason and for Hun's first two games, Rosenthal struggled to find the form she displayed in 2004 as she hurled Hun to the state Prep A title.

As Rosenthal battled to get in sync, the Raiders struggled along with her.

Plagued by spotty hitting and defensive lapses, Hun dropped two games to Lawrenceville, fell to Steinert and Allentown, and got eliminated at the quarterfinal stage of the Mercer County Tournament by Notre Dame.

Coming into the Prep A semifinal at Lawrenceville last week, Rosenthal and her mates were determined to show how good they could be. The Raiders accomplished that goal as they outlasted Lawrenceville, pulling out a dramatic 5-3 win in 15 innings.

The marathon contest saw Hun come up with a three-run rally in the top of the 11th to take a 3-0 lead only to see Lawrenceville answer back with three runs on its own in the bottom of the frame.

Rosenthal regained her form as she held the Big Red scoreless the rest of the way with Hun breaking through with two in the top of the 15th to end the three-hour classic with a win.

Two days later, however, Hun couldn't build on that victory as it produced another spotty effort in falling 8-1 to Peddie last Thursday in the state Prep A title game.

As she reflected on her spring, Rosenthal acknowledged that she has experienced more than her share of frustration.

"I was bummed because I missed the preseason," said Rosenthal. "It is hard to miss preseason because that is when everybody bonds. Last year, we jelled at the beginning."

This year's Hun squad never quite jelled in the same manner. "It has been an up and down spring," conceded Rosenthal.

"We struggled because of the hitting; we just needed to have more confidence. We would have an awesome game and then we'd come back and play completely differently."

In reflecting on her team's topsy-turvy week, Hun head coach Kathy Quirk credited her team with coming up with an awesome effort in the win over Lawrenceville.

"We toughed it out, they had beaten us twice during the season," said Quirk.

"We didn't want it to happen again. We played strong defense and then the bats came alive in the 11th. We didn't fold. They really wanted this."

But, as has been the pattern all spring, Hun came out with a clunker in falling to Peddie. The Raiders surrendered three runs in the second and five more in the third as the Falcons cruised to the title.

"Anything and everything," said Quirk succinctly in assessing what went wrong in her team's subpar effort against the Falcons. "I honestly don't know what was wrong."

The veteran coach acknowledged that Rosenthal wasn't at the top of her game 48 hours after her long-distance effort against Lawrenceville.

"Em didn't throw her best," said Quirk. "She threw wild pitches, she just wasn't herself. It was disappointing to come off a win like we had on Tuesday and play like this."

Although Hun hasn't enjoyed the success it had last spring, Quirk believes the players have still forged a strong bond with each other.

"They push each other," asserted Quirk, whose team rebounded from the Peddie setback to beat Blair 9-5 last Friday and the top Hill 11-1 a day later. "They care about each other; they support each other."

In Rosenthal's view, that team chemistry was epitomized by the effort in the Lawrenceville win. "It was exhausting," said Rosenthal. "We knew we were the team that wasn't going to give up. I had never seen us so pumped up."

—Bill Alden



LEARNING CURVE: Hun School softball coach Kathy Quirk makes a point to one of her charges in a recent game. Quirk was required to draw on her coaching acumen as the Raiders struggled through an up-and-down campaign which saw them finish with a final record of 11-7.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



GOING THE DISTANCE: Hun School softball pitcher Emily Rosenthal fires a delivery in action earlier this spring. In the state Prep A semifinal, Rosenthal went all 15 innings as Hun outlasted Lawrenceville 5-3. Perhaps feeling the effect of that grueling effort, Rosenthal wasn't at her best as Hun fell 8-1 to Peddie last Thursday in the Prep A title game.

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RED ALERT: Princeton Day School senior defender Kristina Costa, center, tries to elude two Lawrenceville defenders last Thursday as PDS fell 15-8 to the Big Red in a state Prep A semifinal contest. Meg Kerwin scored four goals and Katy Briody added two as the Panthers dropped to 10-5. PDS was slated to conclude its season by hosting Rutgers Prep on May 17.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

HUN

Baseball: Unable to slow down a determined Princeton High squad, Hun dropped a 12-3 decision to the Little Tigers last Thursday in the Mercer County Tournament quarterfinals. Hun, now 14-5, will play in the state Prep A semifinals at Blair on May 18 with the championship to be decided the next day at a site to be determined.

Boys' Lacrosse: Drew Mervin and Marcus Greenacre both scored two goals but it wasn't enough as Hun fell 11-6 to Mercersburg last Saturday. Hun, which fell to 11-5 with the defeat, was slated to play at Lawrenceville on May 17 in the state Prep A title contest. The Raiders close out their season by playing at Montgomery on May 18 and at Hopewell Valley on May 21.

Boys' Tennis: Hun finished third last weekend in the state

Prep A tournament. Wilder Sampson provided the Raiders' main highlight on the singles side at the competition as he placed second at first singles. The second doubles team of Ren Gates and Nick Ventura took second in their flight.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Kyle Zosulis was named last week as the new head coach of the PDS boys' basketball team. Zosulis has previously coached at Council Rock High, Bucks Community College, and Harry Truman High. He is a graduate of Kings College where he played basketball and baseball. Zosulis replaces Ahmed El-Nokali, who left the program to go to business school.

Boys' Lacrosse: Senior midfielder Stephen Adams had another big day but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 12-10 to Voorhees last Friday.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Lacrosse: Lawrenceville tasted defeat for the first time this season as it fell 6-5 to William Penn Charter School last Saturday. Trailing 5-1 after three quarters, the Big Red scored four goals in the final period as they made a valiant attempt to remain perfect on the season. Lawrenceville, which fell to 18-1 with the loss, was scheduled to host Hun on May 17 in the state Prep A title game. The Big Red will conclude their season with home games against North Hunterdon on May 18 and Hunterdon Central on May 21.

Girls' Lacrosse: Unable to slow undefeated Oak Knoll,

Lawrenceville dropped a 22-6 decision to the Royals last Sunday in the state Prep A championship game. Sara Flood and Nellie Morris each scored two goals for the Big Red, who finished the season with a 15-3 record.

PHS

Softball: PHS dropped a 10-0 decision to Nottingham last Monday to fall to 9-14 on the season. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers play at Notre Dame on May 18 and at Hightstown on May 19.

Boys' Lacrosse: Unable to get its attack clicking, PHS fell 10-3 to Moorestown last Saturday. Kyle Novak, Mike Vieten, and Tyler Moni scored a goal apiece as PHS slipped to 8-8 on the season. The Little Tigers play at Hillsborough on May 18 before hosting Hightstown on May 19.

Girls' Lacrosse: Becky Schild had another productive game but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 17-10 to Morristown-Beard last Thursday. Schild fired in four goals while Liz Haughton and Isadora Noguiera scored two apiece. The defeat left the Little Tigers with a final mark of 4-12.

Boys' Tennis: PHS tuned up for the state tournament by blanking Steinert 5-0 last Monday to improve to 13-6 on the season. The Little Tigers were slated to host Freehold on May 17 in the opening round of the Central Jersey Group III Sectional. The winner advances to the sectional semifinals on May 19 with the title match scheduled for May 24.

Track: PHS produced some excellent individual performances last Saturday at the Mercer County Track championships held at Steinert High. In the girls' meet, the Little Tigers got a big day from Libby Bliss, who finished first in the 800 and took fourth in the 400. Natalie Gengel soared 11'0 to win the pole vault. Other individual standouts for PHS included Zoe Samak, the third-place finisher in the javelin, and Elesha Casimir, who took fifth in the 400. In the team standings, the PHS girls finished seventh of 13 teams. As for the Little Tiger boys, Louis Abramson took third in the 800 and Dan Cavallaro placed third in the 1,600. Other standouts for PHS included Ryan Trupin, the third-place finisher in the high jump, Tom McKinley, the third-place finisher in the pole vault, and T.R. Johnson, who took fourth in the shot put. In the team standings, PHS finished ninth of 13 teams.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Senior Babe Ruth Baseball Now Holding Registration

The Princeton-Cranbury Senior Babe Ruth (SBR) baseball program has begun registration for the upcoming summer season.

The PC-SBR team is entered into the Mercer County Senior Babe Ruth League and plays against teams from Allentown, Hamilton, Lou Gehrig, Hopewell, Lawrence, Nottingham, Trenton, and West Windsor.

The team may carry up to 18 players whose birthdays range from August 1, 1986 through July 31, 1990. The team typically plays two or three games each week plus a post-season playoff. The season is scheduled to begin on June 12.

Players who are residents of Princeton and Cranbury are

eligible as are players who may live outside those areas but attend schools within those geographic boundaries. Players from Montgomery and Hopewell, where there is no SBR Program, may also register.

Those interested in playing for the team should contact Fred Cooper at 215-738-1500.

PSA Soccer Holding Tryouts

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) will be holding tryouts for its 2005 fall travel teams from May 16-June 3.

The tryouts will be held at the Washington Road fields and are free and open to all players interested.

During the week of May 16, the following tryouts will be held: Under-10 boys-May 16 and 18 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-10 girls-May 17 and 19 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-11 girls-May 18 and 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-11 boys-May 16 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-12 girls competitive-May 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-12 girls premier-May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-12 boys premier-May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 boys premier-May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 girls competitive-May 19 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-13 girls premier-May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-14 boys-May 17 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m.; U-15 boys competitive-May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-15 boys premier-May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; and U-17 boys and U-18 boys-May 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

During the week of May 23, the following tryouts will be held: U-9 boys-May 23 and 26 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-12 girls premier-May 23 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-12 girls competitive-May 25 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-12 boys-May 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 boys premier-May 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 boys competitive-May 25 and 26 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-13 girls premier-May 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45

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A full schedule of the tryouts and directions are available at the PSA website at www.princetonpsa.org. For additional information, call the PSA Travel Office at 609-737-4121.

Princeton Youth Soccer Recent Results

The Princeton Paws, a Princeton Soccer Association Under-11 girls' travel team, fell 1-0 match to the Hibernian Hawks last Sunday. The game's lone goal came on a penalty kick late in the game. Jordan Schwartz and Roni Nagle spearheaded Princeton's defense while Shelby Yvon and Mia Haughton excelled in the midfield.

Rec Department Holding Hoops Camps

The Princeton Recreation Department will be running three weeks of basketball camp for boys and girls this summer.

For boys, there will be two one-week sessions directed by Princeton High boys' hoops coach Dave Kosa. The first camp will take place from July 5-8 with the second one scheduled for August 8-12.

For girls, there will be a one-week session directed by PH5 girls' basketball coach Nikki Inzano. That camp is slated to run from July 18-21.

The camps are open to students that will be entering

grade 6-10 this September. All sessions will take place in the new gym at John Witherspoon Middle School. The camps will include general skill work as well as live game play. Campers will be able to swim at the Community Park pool after each daily session.

For more information, contact the Rec Department at 609-921-9480 or log onto its website at www.princetonrecreation.com.

Pop Warner Football Holding Last Registration

The Princeton Pop Warner youth football and cheerleading program will be holding final registration on June 4 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Princeton Charter School located on Bunn Drive.

Boys and girls ages 5-14 (who weigh up to 150 pounds for football) are eligible to play in the football program or participate in cheerleading. The cost is \$150, which includes all equipment and uniforms except for cleats. Full scholarships are available to any children in need.

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For more information, contact Tom Zucosky at (609) 924-9650 or via his e-mail, tom@discoverycap.com, for football, Steve Olentine at (609) 921-8845 or via his e-mail, Olentine@aol.com if interested in coaching, or Joye Nagle at (609) 683-5844 for cheerleading.

Additional information and forms can be obtained by logging onto the group's website at www.princetonpopwarner.com or e-mailing ppwfootball@aol.com or ppwcheerleading@aol.com.

Adult Baseball League Accepting New Teams

The M5M Baseball League of New Jersey is currently forming and admitting new teams for the upcoming summer season.

Individual players ages 18 and up and/or teams with players of that age can register. Players of any skill level are welcome. There is a 10-game season followed by playoffs. The regular season starts in early June.

For more information, call Dave Micallef at 973-699-8336, e-mail MABL3@njsn.com, or log onto www.amateurbaseballnj.com.

PHS Football Team Holding Youth Camp

Princeton High football coach Stephen Everette will be holding the program's annual youth football camp on June 22-24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the PH5 turf football stadium.

The non-contact camp is open youth ages 8-14 and will focus on helping participants develop their football skills and better understand the fundamentals of the game. The camp involves both group and individual instruction and is suited for beginners as well as more experienced players.

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OBITUARIES

**Horton M. Davies**

Horton Marlais Davies, 89, of Princeton, a noted authority on the history of Christianity, died May 11 at home.

The Henry W. Putnam Professor of Religion Emeritus, he served on the Princeton University faculty from 1956 until 1984. He was the author of more than 30 books, including *Worship and Theology in England*, a five-volume work published by Princeton University Press in the 1960s and 1970s.

A native of South Wales,

Dr. Davies earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Edinburgh and his D.Phil. from Oxford University. From 1942 to 1945, he was minister of the Wallington Congregational Church in South London, an area known as "bomb alley" for the heavy pounding it received from German rockets. In 1945-46, he was director of education for the British YMCA with the British Army of the Rhine, supervising 55 recreational and study centers in Germany, Belgium, France, and the Netherlands.

He joined the faculty at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa, in 1947, serving as dean of the faculty of divinity there from 1951 to 1953. He earned his doctor of divinity degree from the University of South Africa in 1951. In 1953 he returned to Oxford as head of the Department of Church History at the university's Mansfield College.

Dr. Davies came to Princeton to help inaugurate a broad new program of graduate study in religion that had been established in 1955. "His teaching interests ranged widely through arts and literature while his scholarship centered in the history of worship and religious practice," said John Wilson, Professor of Religion Emeritus.

"Generations of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as his colleagues, treasured his insights and his wit."

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowships in 1960 and 1965 and a Huntington Library Award in 1968 enabled Dr. Davies to further his writing of *Worship and Theology in England*. He received a doctor of letters in 1970 from Oxford, based on the first three volumes of the work, which traced the history of Protestant and Catholic theology, worship, and religious art and music from the Reformation to modern times. A sixth volume was later added to the set, which was re-edited by Eerdmans Publishing into a three-volume paperback in 1996.

His other books include *Christian Deviations*, which was published in the United States as *The Battle of the Sects*, *Mirror of the Ministry in Modern Novels*, and *Like Angels From a Cloud: The English Metaphysical Preachers, 1588-1645*. His autobiography, *A Church Historian's Odyssey: A Memoir*, was published in 1993. He also co-wrote *Sacred Art in a Secular Century* with his son, Hugh Davies, who earned his A.B., M.F.A. and Ph.D. degrees in

art and archaeology from Princeton.

In addition to teaching at the University, Dr. Davies led a course every year or so at Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1978, he was one of seven faculty members from New Jersey colleges and universities to help launch a cooperative ecumenical graduate program in liturgical studies at Drew University. He was the recipient of honorary degrees from several institutions.

He is survived by his wife, Marie-Helene Davies of Princeton; a daughter, Christine Pisani of Tarrytown, N.Y.; two sons, Hugh of La Jolla, Calif., and Philip of Gloucester, Mass.; five grandchildren; and his first wife, Brenda Davies of Newtown, Pa.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street. The University's Department of Religion is also planning a service for the fall.

Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Church for its Crisis Ministry, or to Habitat for Humanity.

Dorothy J. Still

Dorothy Jane Still, 65, of West Hartford, Conn., formerly of Princeton, died May 8 at Hartford Hospital accompanied by her family. The cause of death was heart and lung disease.

Born in Wadesboro, N.C., the daughter of the late George King and Thelma (Lockhart) Sellers of Princeton, she attended schools in Anson County, N.C. and Princeton. She moved to Hartford in 1968 and worked at Hartford Hospital for almost 25 years before retiring.

She loved to travel, but was happiest when she was surrounded by her family and friends during the holidays or at family reunions. She also enjoyed shopping for clothes, for herself and for her children. She was known for her smile and wonderful sense of humor.

She is survived by two sons, Tab A. of Princeton and Raymond L. of West Hartford; two sisters, Grace Montgomery of Ewing Township and Betty J. Sellers of North Bethesda, Md.; two grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was May 16 at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Franklin A. Smith officiating. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home.

Ethel C. Leese

Ethel C. Leese, 82, of Ewing, died May 11 at Hamilton Continuing Care Center.

Born in Trenton, she had lived in Ewing since 1955.

In 1969, she joined the Princeton Township Board of Health as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Later, when Princeton Borough and Princeton Township merged services to form the Princeton Regional Board of Health, she continued to serve as Registrar until her retirement in 1991.

She was a member of the New Jersey State Bureau of Vital Statistics. In Ewing, she was a member of the Busy C's Senior Citizens.

The wife of the late John B. Leese and mother of the late John J. Leese, she is survived by a daughter, Nancy Chiarello of Ewing; a son, Thomas of Ewing; and six grandchildren.

Services will be private at Colonial Memorial Park, Hamilton Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sunshine Foundation, 1041 Mill Creek Drive, Feasterville, Pa. 19053; or Prospect Heights Fire Company, 1660 9th St., Ewing 08638.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Donald B. Everman

Donald B. Everman, 61, of Lambertville, died May 13 at his daughter's home in Princeton.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, where he lived for 45 years, he had lived in Lambertville for the past 15 years.

He had been the owner-operator of Signs Etc. of Princeton since 1995.

He was a member of the Princeton Corridor Rotary Club and Greater Princeton Chamber of Commerce, and a volunteer with Eden Institute for many years.

He is survived by a son, David B. of Princeton; a daughter, Tana M. Everman of Princeton; two brothers, Herbert of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Laurence of Champaign, Ill.; a sister, Genevieve Osenko of Charlevoix, Mich.;

and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eden Foundation, 1 Eden Way, Princeton 08540; or to Princeton Alliance Church, 20 Schalks Crossing Road, Plainsboro 08536.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Barbara A. Allen

Barbara Armstrong Allen, 74, of Princeton, died May 13 at Merwick Rehab Hospital & Nursing Care.

Born in Newark and raised in Belleville, she graduated from Douglas College, Rutgers University, in 1951 with high honors as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

She had a long career as a systems analyst, first with IBM and then with Educational Testing Service. She retired from ETS in 1993.

Predeceased by her parents, Catherine and William Armstrong, and two siblings, John Armstrong and Elizabeth Carlson, she is survived by her husband of 51 years, Burton Allen; a daughter, Jenny Allen; a son, Hunter; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18 at The Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue, with the Rev. Marti Reed Hazelrigg officiating.

KATHERINE J. COOPER

Katherine (Keely) Cooper, 90, of Pennington, New Jersey passed away Monday, May 16, 2005. Kate was born August 25, 1914. Most recently Kate lived at Stony Brook Assisted Living where she had many friends and happy times. She was known for her beauty and kindness, her grace and sense of humor.

Preceded by her husband, Albert Cooper, Jr., our beloved Kate is survived by her son, Albert Cooper, III and his wife Connie; her daughter, Katherine Lapin and her daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Cooper. Kate was the treasured grandmother of Sara Cooper and her husband, Mike Delehanly, Mathew Capin and his wife, Jennifer, and two great grandchildren, Henry Cooper and Anna Lapin.

Details regarding Kate's funeral are available through family members.

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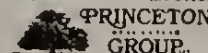
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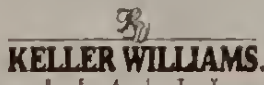
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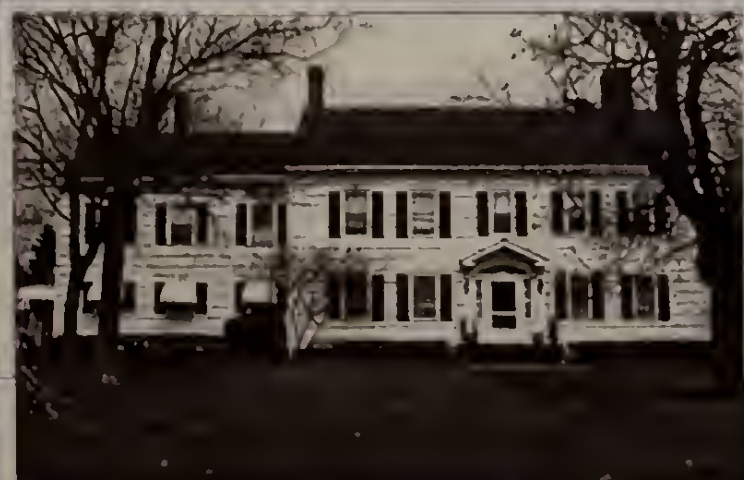


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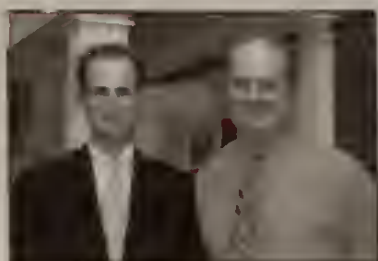
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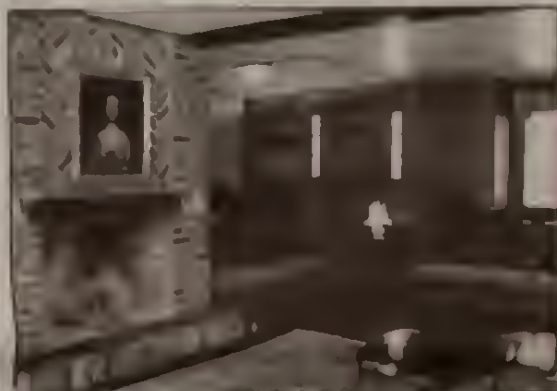
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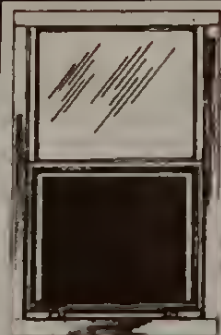
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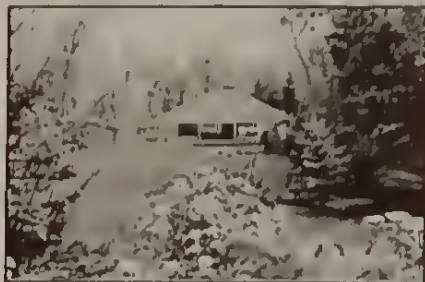
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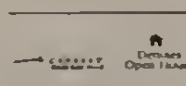
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05-04-31

P/T CHILDCARE WANTED:

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05-04-41

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05-11-21

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HELP WANTED:

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05-11-21

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05-11-21

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05-18

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05-04-31

RETAIL WINE SHOP:

Downtown Princeton. Looking for Sales Associates, F/T & P/T. Wine & food knowledge a plus, but not required. We will train. Competitive salary + benefits. Fax resume (609) 430-0012 or email princeton.corkscrew@verizon.net

05-18

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04-27-41

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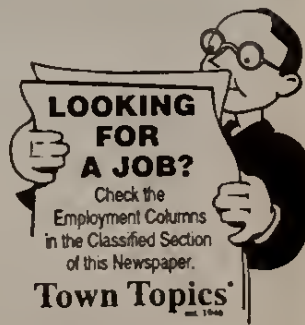
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